

# Almanac FOR The Reformed Church

IN THE  
UNITED STATES

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD

1857



**QUESTION.**—What is thy only comfort in life and death?

**ANSWER.**—That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head: yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation: and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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Madame:

We take the liberty of calling your attention to our Floating-Borax Soap, believing that a trial will show you its great value for toilet, bath or laundry use. It is not an imitation of anything, but is better than all other floating soaps, as it is absolutely pure. We do not aim to follow, but to lead. No doubt you know the value of Borax, in the bath or laundry. This soap, and Dobbins' Electric, (which latter we have made for the last 30 years and still make,) are the only soaps which really contain Borax, although some others claim to contain it, and as Dobbins' Electric stands at the head of the non-floating laundry soaps, so Floating-Borax stands far above all other floating soaps, and is without doubt the best floating soap that can possibly be made. Compare its color and odor with that of any other brand. This will not turn yellow or rancid as some others do.

We take pride in calling attention to the following certificate from the leading analytical chemists of this city:

DOBBINS SOAP MANUFACTURING CO.,  
119 SOUTH FOURTH STREET,  
PHILADELPHIA.

GENTLEMEN:

We have carefully analyzed the sample of Dobbins' Floating-Borax Soap you sent us, and find it to contain fully five per cent. of Borax (Bi-Borate of Soda). It contains nothing injurious for use in the bath, toilet or laundry. We find it free from all adulteration, and therefore certify to its purity.

Yours respectfully,

BOOTH, GARRETT & BLAIR.

We believe that you will be so pleased with this soap that you will desire to continue its use, in which case please order it of your grocer, and be sure that he gives you what you ask for.

It is the only floating soap whose wrappers are printed in red, hence it is impossible to mistake it for any other, even at a distance. Ask for *DOBBINS' FLOATING-BORAX SOAP, red wrapper.*

Yours Respectfully,

DOBBINS SOAP MFG. CO.

## Almanac for the Year of our Lord 1897, being a Common Year of 365 days.

MOON'S SIGNS.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
 New Moon.	 First Quarter.	 Full Moon.	 Last Quarter.	$\natural$ Saturn.	$\delta$ Mars.	$\varphi$ Venus.	$\circ$ Moon.
				$\natural$ Jupiter.	$\odot$ Sun.	$\wp$ Mercury.	$\wp$ Herschel
$\delta$ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude.				$\square$ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.			
$\oplus$ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart.				$\triangle$ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.			
$\wp$ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.							

### CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter, . . . . .	C.	Epact, . . . . .	26	Roman Indiction, . . . . .	10
Golden Number, . . . . .	17	Solar Cycle, . . . . .	2	Julian Period, . . . . .	6610
The Jewish Era, with their year 5658, commences September 27th, 1897.					
The Mohammedan Era, with their year 1313, commences June 2d, 1897.					

### MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 14.	Palm Sunday,	April 11.	Ascension Day,	May 27.
Sexagesima " 21.	Maundy Thursday " 15.		Whit Sunday, or Pentecost,	June 6.
Quinquagesima " 28.	Good Friday, " 16.		Trinity Sunday, " 13.	
Shrove Tuesday, March 2.	Easter Sunday, " 18.		Corpus Christi, " 24.	
Ash Wednesday, " 3.	Low Sunday, " 25.		1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 28.	
Quadragesima Sunday, " 7.	Rogation Sunday, May 23.		Sundays after Trinity are 23.	
Mid Lent " 28.				

### THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

March 10.	June 9.	September 15.	December 15.
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### THE FOUR CARDINAL POINTS, OR SEASONS.

Vernal Equinox,	$\odot$ enters $\wp$ the 20th of March,	3 o'clock 5 minutes, A. M.
Summer Solstice,	$\odot$ " $\wp$ the 20th of June,	11 " 5. " P. M.
Autumnal Equinox,	$\odot$ " $\Delta$ the 22d of September, 2	" 5 " P. M.
Winter Solstice,	$\odot$ " $\wp$ the 21st of December, 8	" 5 " A. M.

( $\wp$ ) Mars is called the Governing Planet this year.

### MORNING STARS.

Venus after April 28th.		Venus until April 28th.
Mars after November 20th.		Mars until November 20th.
Jupiter until February 23d, after September 13th.		Jupiter after February 23d, until September 13th.
Saturn until May 18th, after November 25th.		Saturn after May 18th, until November 25th.
Mercury, January 22d to April 1st; May 21st, to July 15th; September 22d to November 8th.		Mercury until January 22d, April 1st to May 21st; July 15th to September 22d; after November 8th.

### EVENING STARS.

Venus until April 28th.	
Mars until November 20th.	
Jupiter after February 23d, until September 13th.	
Saturn after May 18th, until November 25th.	
Mercury until January 22d, April 1st to May 21st; July 15th to September 22d; after November 8th.	

### PLANETS BRIGHTEST

Mercury, February 15th, June 15th, October 9th, rising then just before the sun, also, June 6th, April 23d, August 26th, December 20th, setting then just after the sun. Jupiter, February 23d, Venus, March 21st, Jan. 4th, Saturn, May 18th.

### ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1897.

In the year 1897 there will be two Eclipses, both of the Sun.

1. The first is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, February 1st, visible here as a partial Eclipse towards sunset. The line of annulus passing through the Northern part of South America and Pacific Ocean.
2. The second is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, July 29th. Visible throughout the United States as a partial Eclipse. The path of the Annular Eclipse begins on a point in Latitude,  $16^{\circ}$  North; Longitude,  $125^{\circ}, 64'$  West; and ends Latitude,  $22^{\circ}, 20'$  South; Longitude,  $3^{\circ}, 5' 2$  West. The line of annulus passing through Mexico, northern Cuba, Windward Islands, and touching South America at Cape St. Roque. Visible at the following cities:

Boston,	begins, 9.10 A. M.; ends, 11.24 A. M.; size of digit, 5.5.
New York,	" 8.50 A. M.; " 11.14 A. M.; " " 5.7.
Washington,	" 8.22 A. M.; " 11.3 A. M.; " " 6.5.
Philadelphia, Pa.,	" 8.40 A. M.; " 11.10 A. M.; " " 6.
Baltimore,	" 8.23 A. M.; " 11.6 A. M.; " " 5.11.
Charleston,	" 8.4 A. M.; " 10.58 A. M.; " " 8.

Carefully calculated for the Meridian of Philadelphia, by WILL R. IBACH.

# JANUARY,

1st Month, 31 Days.

1897.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SI. M. H.	SUN RISES SETS M. H. M. H. M.	HIGH WATER PHILA. H. M.
Friday	1 New Year	1 Pet. 2: 12-19	5 50	25	5 south 9 57	4 7	23 4 37	12 3
Saturday	2 Martyrs H. Scrip	" 4: 12-19	6 48	5	7* south 8 53	5 7	23 4 37	12 43
1] Sunday after New Year.								
Matt. 2: 1-23; Isaiah 60: 1-6. Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 minutes.								
Sunday	3 Gordius	John 1: 29-34	2 sets	17	3. ♀ rises 3 51	5 7	23 4 37	1 36
Monday	4 Titus	" 1: 38-51	6 26	29	6 ♀ ☽. ♀ rises 9 23	5 7	22 4 38	2 26
Tuesday	5 Simeon	" 2:	7 37	11	Orion south 10 43 ☽ in ♀	6 7	22 4 38	3 12
Wednesday	6 Epiphany	" 3:	8 43	23	♀ gr. Elong. East. ♀ <sup>sets</sup> 5 30	6 7	21 4 39	3 55
Thursday	7 Wittekind	" 4:	9 47	5	♀ sets 8 11	7 7	21 4 39	4 30
Friday	8 Severinus	" 5:	10 49	17	Castor south 12 6	7 7	20 4 40	5 10
Saturday	9 Catharine Zell	" 6: 1-25	11 40	29	♀ in ♀. Spica rises 10 19	8 7	19 4 41	5 40
2] 1st Sunday after Epiphany.								
Luke 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours 22 minutes.								
Sunday	10 Paul of Thebes	John 6: 26-71	morn. 12 50	11	10. ♀ rises 3 27	8 7	19 4 41	6 25
Monday	11 Fructuosus	" 7:	23	10	● in Apo. ♀ <sup>rises</sup> 8 13	8 7	18 4 42	7 8
Tuesday	12 J. Castellian	" 8: 1-20	1 42	5	♀ stationary	9 7	18 4 42	7 58
Wednesday	13 Hilary	" 8: 21-50	2 40	17	5 south 9 4	9 7	17 4 43	8 56
Thursday	14 Felix	" 9:	3 39	29	6 ♀ ☽. ♀ in Perihelion	9 7	17 4 43	9 57
Friday	15 John a'Lasco	" 10: 1-21	4 35	11	6 ♀ ☽. ♀ sets 8 36	10 7	16 4 44	10 58
Saturday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 10: 22-42	5 34	23	Sirius south 10 41	10 7	15 4 45	11 58
3] 2d Sunday after Epiphany.								
John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16. Day's Length, 9 hours, 32 minutes.								
Sunday	17 Anthony	Mark 1: 1-20	6 30	5	6 Aldebaran south 8 30 ☽	10 7	14 4 46	12 26
Monday	18 John Blackader	" 1: 21-45	2 sets	22	18. ♀ rises 2 59	11 7	12 4 47	1 14
Tuesday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 2:	6 14	4	Capella <sup>south</sup> 8 50 ☽	11 7	13 4 48	2 0
Wednesday	20 Fabian and Sebastian	" 3: 1-19	7 22	16	5 south 8 37. ☽ <sup>en</sup> ters	11 7	11 4 49	2 45
Thursday	21 Agnes	" 3: 20-35	8 27	28	6 ♀ ☽. ♀ rises 8 10	12 7	11 4 49	3 29
Friday	22 Vincent	" 4:	9 34	10	6 ♀ ☽ Inferior	12 7	10 4 50	4 10
Saturday	23 Isaiah	" 5; 6: 1-6	10 57	22	♀ sets 8 56	12 7	9 4 51	4 54
4] 3d Sunday after Epiphany.								
Matt. 8: 1-13; Rom. 12: 17-21. Day's Length, 9 hours, 44 minutes.								
Sunday	24 Timothy	Mark 6: 7-29	morn. 12 10	5	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	12 7	8 4 52	5 38
Monday	25 Paul's Conversion	" 6: 30-56	12 10	18	25. ☽ in per. <sup>Procyon</sup> south	13 7	7 4 53	6 25
Tuesday	26 Polycarp	" 7: 1-23	1 22	1	Regulus rises 6 38 ☽	13 7	6 4 54	7 20
Wednesday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 7: 24-37	2 32	14	6 ♀ ☽. 6 ♀ ☽. ♀ rises 7 40	13 7	5 4 55	8 30
Thursday	28 Charlemagne	" 8:	3 37	26	7 40	13 7	4 4 56	9 46
Friday	29 Juventine	" 9:	4 35	8	Rigel south 8 22	13 7	3 4 57	10 57
Saturday	30 Henry Müller	" 10: 1-31	5 26	20	♀ in ♀. 5 south 8 2	14 7	2 4 58	11 59
5] 4th Sunday after Epiphany.								
Matt. 8: 23-27; Rom. 13: 8-10. Day's Length, 9 hours, 58 minutes.								
Sunday	31 Hans Sachs	Matt. 3:	6 12	10	6 ♀ ☽ ☽ Arcturus rises 9 52	14 7	1 4 58	12 30

### Moon's Phases.

New Moon, 3d, 1 o'clock, 3 minutes, morning.  
First Quarter, 10th, 4 " 45 " evening.  
Full Moon, 18th, 3 " 16 " "  
Last Quarter, 25th, 3 " 8 " "

### Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, frosty; 4, 5, misty; 6, 7, snow; 8, 9, 10, fair;  
11, 12, cold; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, stormy; 18, 19,  
mild; 20, 21, 22, cold; 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, pleasant;  
27, 28, cloudy; 29, 30, 31, snow.

## JANUARY.

### The New Year.

O TENDER Christ, bless Thou this year!  
Bless Thou its dawn, and bless  
Its noontide and its evening, Lord;  
And let each heart confess,  
As days and weeks and months go by,  
To help the year grow old,  
That of Thy glory, King of kings,  
The half not yet is told.

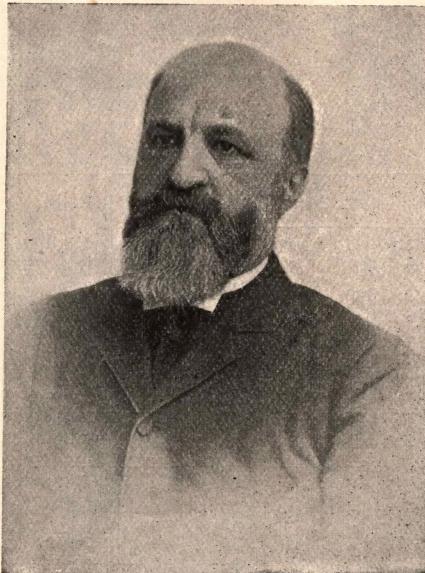


### Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D.

CALM on the bosom of thy God,  
Fair spirit, rest thee now!  
E'en while with ours thy footsteps  
trod  
His seal was on thy brow.

He whose portrait adorns this page was for a number of years editor and publisher of the ALMANAC. He was always very much interested in its publication; and in what concerning the Reformed Church was he not interested? He was a staunch supporter of every effort to advance the church's welfare. Like his father, the Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, the son was identified with the Publication House. To its management he devoted his energy, in its interest he sacrificed his property, and in its service he gave his life. If in any way he erred, the mistake was of the head and not of the heart. He was personally acquainted with the greater part of our ministry. His courteous and friendly treatment of all who made claim on his time and service—and their number made a multitude—won for him a host of friends. His death was universally regretted.

Peace! peace! he is not dead, he doth not sleep!  
He hath awakened from the dream of life.



REV. CHAS. G. FISHER, D. D.

### The Christian Year.

ADVENT tells us Christ is near;  
Christmas tells us Christ is here;  
In Epiphany we trace  
All the glory of His grace.

Those three Sundays before Lent  
Will prepare us to repent;  
That in Lent we may begin  
Earnestly to mourn for sin.

Holy Week and Easter then  
Tell who died and rose again;  
O that happy Easter Day!  
"Christ is risen indeed," we say.

Yes, and Christ ascended, too,  
"To prepare a place for you."  
So we give Him special praise  
After those great Forty Days.

Then He sent the Holy Ghost,  
On the Day of Pentecost,  
With us ever to abide;  
Well may we keep Whitsun-tide!

Last of all, we humbly sing  
Glory to our God and King;  
Glory to One in Three  
On the Feast of Trinity.

### Read, but Read the Best.

Do you read? You are not wise if you do not. You are too busy! The busiest people read much. They cannot afford to do otherwise. Tell me what you read and I will tell you what you are. To read bad books is worse than keeping bad company. Read, but read the best. What you read becomes part of you.

### Reformed Church Almanac for 1897. Thirty-fourth Issue.

THIS Almanac is prepared as a handbook for members of the Reformed Church. It contains valuable information on all departments of church work. It is valuable to every one interested in the church. A copy of it should be in every family.

# FEBRUARY,

2d Month, 28 Days.

1897.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON			ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.			S.	SUN			HIGH WATER PHILA.	
			R. & S.	H. M. S.	PLACE A.	SI.	RISES	SETS		M. H. M. H. M. H.	M. H.	M. H.	M. H.	M.
Monday	1 Ignatius	Matt. 4: 1-22	D sets	23	1. Sirius south 9 40	14 6	59	5	1	1	17			
Tuesday	2 Purificat'n of Vir.	" 4: 23; 5: 1-12	6 31	8	♀ stationary. ● in ♡	14 6	58	5	2	2	0			
Wednesday	3 Ansgar	" 5: 12-22	7 31	20	2 rises 7 12	14 6	57	5	3	2	40			
Thursday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	" 5: 23-48	8 36	2	Capella south 8 6	14 6	56	5	4	3	19			
Friday	5 P. S. Spener	" 6:	9 36	14	6 ♀ ○. ♀ sets 9 14	14 6	55	5	5	3	54			
Saturday	6 Amandus	" 7:	10 38	27	7* south 6 28	14 6	54	5	6	4	32			

6] 5th Sunday after Epiphany.

Matt. 13: 21-30; Col. 3: 12-17.

Day's Length, 10 hours, 14 minutes.

Sunday	7 Geo. Wagner	Matt. 8: 1-17	11 39	9	♂ south 7 38	14 6	53	5	7	5	10			
Monday	8 Maria Andreæ	" 8: 17-34	morn. 21	1	½ rises 1 44	14 6	52	5	8	5	49			
Tuesday	9 John Hooper	" 9:	12 40	4	9. Orion south 8 18	14 6	51	5	9	6	30			
Wednesday	10 F. C. Oettinger	" 10:	1 48	16	● in Apo. 24 <sup>rises</sup> 6 40	14 6	49	5	11	7	20			
Thursday	11 H. de St. Victor	" 11:	2 50	28	6 ♂ ○. 6 ♀ ○	14 6	48	5	12	8	21			
Friday	12 Lady Jane Grey	" 12:	3 49	2	♀ sets 9 25	14 6	47	5	13	9	26			
Saturday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 13:	4 47	16	Spica rises 10 8	14 6	46	5	14	10	31			

7] Septuagesima Sunday.

Matt. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor. 9: 24, 10-5.

Day's Length, 10 hours, 32 minutes.

Sunday	14 Brun. v. Querfur	Luke 3:	5 40	0	♂ south 7 21	14 6	44	5	16	11	33			
Monday	15 Jacob Von Loh	" 4:	6 32	16	♀ gr. West. rises 4 32	14 6	43	5	17	12	3			
Tuesday	16 Matth. Desbüas	" 5:	7 12	0	♀ gr. Elong. East	14 6	42	5	18	12	50			
Wednesday	17 Pat Hamilton	" 6: 1-19	D rises	16	17. ☽ ☽ ☽ in ♈. ☽ ☽ ☽	14 6	40	5	20	1	35			
Thursday	18 Simeon of Jerus.	" 6: 20-49	7 29	0	□ ☽ ☽. ☽ rises 12 56	14 6	39	5	21	2	18			
Friday	19 Mesrob	" 7:	8 42	14	6 ♂ ♀. ☽ enters ☽	14 6	38	5	22	3	1			
Saturday	20 Sadoth	" 8:	9 57	29	○ per. Canopus south 8 19	14 6	37	5	23	3	45			

8] Sexagesima Sunday.

Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19, 12-9.

Day's Length, 10 hours, 48 minutes.

Sunday	21 Meinrab.	Luke 9: 1-36	11 15	13	♂ south 7 1	14 6	36	5	24	4	32			
Monday	22 Washington's Birthday	" 9: 37-62	morn. 26	26	Antares rises 2 29	14 6	34	5	26	5	21			
Tuesday	23 B. Zeingenbalg	" 10:	12 32	9	23. 8 ¼ ○. ☽ ☽ ☽	14 6	33	5	27	6	15			
Wednesday	24 Matthias	" 11: 1-36	1 40	23	½ rises 12 43	14 6	32	5	28	7	15			
Thursday	25 Casp. Olevianus	" 11: 37; 12: 1-12	2 41	5	♀ sets 9 40	13 6	31	5	29	8	26			
Friday	26 Berthold Haller	" 12: 13-59	3 32	17	Ψ stationary. Regulus south 1 08	13 6	29	5	31	9	37			
Saturday	27 Martin Bucer	" 13: 1-21	4 18	29	♀ in Aphelion. Arctur rises 8 20	13 6	28	5	32	10	45			

9] Quinquagesima Sunday.

Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13.

Day's Length, 11 hours, 6 minutes.

Sunday	28 Jno. <sup>de</sup> Mon. Corv.	Luke 13: 22-35	4 54	11	♂ south 6 44	● in ♡	13	6	27	5	33	11	42
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### Moon's Phases

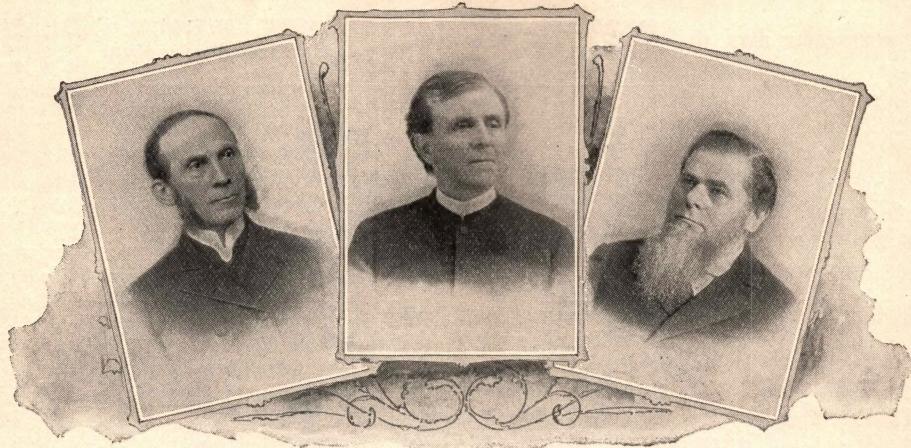
New Moon, 1st, 3 o'clock, 13 minutes, evening.  
 First Quarter, 9th, 2 " 25 " afternoon.  
 Full Moon, 17th, 5 " 11 " morning.  
 Last Quarter, 23d, 10 " 43 " evening.

### Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, fair and cold; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, stormy; 8, 9, 10, cold; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, mild; 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, frosty; 25, 26, misty and snow; 27, 28, stormy.

(24). Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun on the 23d, and shines all night.

## FEBRUARY.



REV. J. PHIL. STEIN,  
Eng. Stated Clerk.

REV. JOHN A. PETERS, D. D., Pres.  
OFFICERS OF GENERAL SYNOD.

REV. J. DAHLMAN, D. D.  
Ger. Stated Clerk.

### Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

THE Board as now constituted consists of the following persons: Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Rev. John Bachman, D. D., Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Rev. T. J. Barkley, D. D., Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D., Rev. John H. Sechler, D. D., Rev. C. F. Kriete; Elders J. T. Reber, Horace Ankeny, C. M. Boush and F. G. Hobson. *Executive Committee.*

Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., President; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Vice-President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, Secretary; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., and Elder C. M. Boush.

#### *Superintendents.*

Rev. D. S. Fouse, General Superintendent, Rev. A. C. Whitmer, of the Eastern and Potomac Synods, Rev. A. S. Dechant, of the Synod of the Interior. Elder C. M. Boush is the Treasurer of the Church Extension Department of the Home Mission work. *Missions.*

During the year ending March 31, 1896, the Board had *one hundred and one* missions under its care. Dropping those that became self-supporting on April 10th, 1896, and adding those since en-

rolled, the Board has *just one hundred* missions on its roll. These missions are in the main in a prosperous condition. Many of them, indeed the majority, are in the cities and large towns. The centers of population are claiming the attention of the Board very largely. The amount of money promised for the present year is \$44,000, including Hungarian, Bohemian, Harbor and English Missions. For the year commencing April 1, 1897, the General Synod voted the sum of \$52,000, with an additional \$6,000 for German work in large cities.

#### *Church Extension.*

There is no branch of the work of more importance than Church Extension. New missions must be organized; lots must be purchased, and houses of worship erected. To do this in the cities costs more than the missions can raise. The Board must assist them until such time when the missions can refund the money. This is the mission of the Extension Work. The Synods are asked to give six cents per member for this work.

General Synod authorized the Board to raise, within the next five years, the sum of \$100,000 for this purpose, the Fund to be known as the "*Michael Schlatter Church Extension Fund.*" The Board is anxious that the membership of the Church become thoroughly interested in this Fund, and asks the Pastors to bring it before their people.

**MARCH,**

**3d Month, 31 Days.**

**1897.**

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SI. M. RISES H. SETS	SUN M. H. M. H.	HIGH WATER PHILA. M. H. M.
Monday	1 Suidbert	Luke 14:	5 22	23	6 ♀ ☽. ♀ rises 12 24 ☽	12 6	25 5	35 12 9
Tuesday	2 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	" 15:	6 0	2	Sirius south 7 56	12 6	24 5	36 12 52
Wednesday	3 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	" 16:	☽ sets	16	☽ 3. ☽ stationary	12 6	23 5	37 1 29
Thursday	4 Geo. Wishart	" 17: 1-19	7 19	11	♀ in Perihelion	12 6	21 5	39 2 5
Friday	5 Thomas Aquinas	" 17: 20-37	8 22	23	☽ south 11 29	12 6	20 5	40 2 42
Saturday	6 Fridolin	" 18: 1-20	9 24	6	☽ south 6 31	11 6	19 5	41 3 18

10] *1st Sunday in Lent.*

Matt. 4: 1-11; 2 Cor. 6: 1-10.

*Day's Length, 11 hours 26 minutes.*

Sunday	7 Perpetua	Luke 18:21; 19:1-28	10 26	18	6 ♀ ☽. ☽ in Apo. ♀ sets 9 47	11 6	17 5	43 3 55
Monday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 19: 29; 20: 1-8	11 26	1	● in Apo. ♀ sets 9 47	11 6	16 5	44 4 39
Tuesday	9 Cyrilus	" 20: 9; 21: 1-4	morn.	15	☽ stationary	11 6	15 5	45 5 20
Wednesday	10 <i>Ember Day</i>	" 21: 5-35	12 32	28	Castor south 8 14	10 6	13 5	47 6 3
Thursday	11 Wm. Hoseus	" 22: 1-30	1 22	12	☽ 11. ☽ ☽ ☽	10 6	12 5	48 6 53
Friday	12 Greg. the Great	" 22: 31-71	1 52	26	☽ south 10 58	10 6	11 5	49 7 51
Saturday	13 Rudericus	" 23:	2 48	10	☽ south 6 17	10 6	10 5	50 8 57

11] *2d Sunday in Lent.*

Matt. 15: 21-29; 1 Thess. 4: 1-8.

*Day's Length, 11 hours, 44 minutes.*

Sunday	14 Matilda	Mark 10: 32-52	3 32	24	Rigel sets 10 48	9 6	8 5	52 10 0
Monday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 11:	4 12	9	☽ rises 11 29 ● in ☽	9 6	7 5	53 11 0
Tuesday	16 Heribert	" 12:	4 45	22	6 ♀ ☽. Spica sets 8 10	9 6	5 5	55 11 56
Wednesday	17 St. Patrick	" 13:	5 18	8	♀ sets 9 47	8 6	4 5	56 12 22
Thursday	18 Alex. of Jerus.	" 14: 1-54	☽ rises	22	☽ 18. ☽ 6 ☽. Wega rises 9 53	8 6	3 5	57 1 4
Friday	19 Mary and Martha	" 14: 55; 15: 1-15	7 36	7	☽ south 10 28	8 6	1 5	59 1 47
Saturday	20 Ambrose	" 15: 16-47	8 54	21	☽ enters ♀. Spring Begins. Day & Night equal	7 6	0 6	0 2 36

12] *3d Sunday in Lent.*

Luke 11: 14-28; Eph. 5: 1-9.

*Day's Length, 12 hours, 2 minutes.*

Sunday	21 Benedict	Matt. 20: 17-23	10 14	4	● in per. ♀ gr. brilliancy	7 5	59 6	1 3 23
Monday	22 Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 21:	11 30	17	6 ☽ ☽. 6 ☽ ☽. ☽ rises 10 59	7 5	57 6	3 4 15
Tuesday	23 Wolfgang	" 22:	morn.	0	☽ sets 1 26	7 5	56 6	4 5 10
Wednesday	24 Florentius	" 23:	12 28	13	Pollux south 7 27	6 5	55 6	5 6 7
Thursday	25 <i>Ann. Vir. Mary</i>	" 24: 1-31	1 24	25	☽ 25. 7* sets 10 52	6 5	53 6	7 7 8
Friday	26 Lindger	" 24: 32-51	2 13	7	☽ ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	6 5	52 6	8 8 15
Saturday	27 Gustavus	" 25:	2 54	19	Andromeda sets 7 42	5 5	51 6	9 9 20

13] *4th Sunday in Lent.*

John 6: 1-14; Gal. 4: 21-31.

*Day's Length, 12 hours, 22 minutes.*

Sunday	28 Gideon	Matt. 26: 1-13	3 24	1	♀ sets 9 37 ● in ♀	5 5	49 6	11 10 18
Monday	29 Gustasius	" 26: 14-35	3 52	13	☽ south 9 45	5 5	48 6	12 11 10
Tuesday	30 Guido.	" 26: 36-56	4 42	25	☽ rises 10 27	4 5	47 6	13 11 50
Wednesday	31 Ernest the Pious	" 26: 57; 27: 1-2	5 21	7	☽ sets 1 5	4 5	45 6	15 12 20

#### Moon's Phases.

New Moon, 3d, 6 o'clock, 56 minutes, morning.  
First Quarter, 11th, 10 " 28 " forenoon.  
Full Moon, 18th, 4 " 27 " evening.  
Last Quarter, 25th, 6 " 59 " morning.

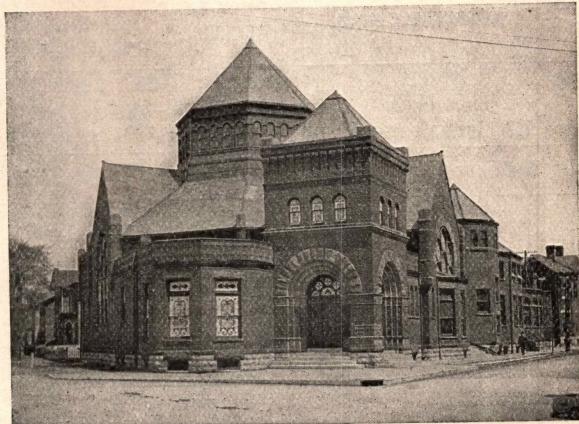
#### Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, cold; 3, 4, 5, windy and snow; 6, 7, clear; 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, 12, cold; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, 17, windy; 18, 19, 20, mild; 21, 22, warm; 23, 24, 25, stormy; 26, 27, 28, misty; 29, 30, 31, cold.

## MARCH.



REV. CHAS. E. MILLER,  
Pastor Trinity Church.



TRINITY CHURCH, DAYTON, OHIO,  
where General Synod met in 1896.

### Our Hungarian Work.

(1) Who are these Hungarians? The Reformed Church in Hungary has ten times as many members as our Church in this country; and out of these two and a quarter millions there have come to this country during the last ten or fifteen years, very many thousands.

(2) Where are these people? Mainly in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

(3) How did we learn their wants? They came to our pastors for the baptism of their children and for the Lord's Supper. These pastors brought the matter to the attention of the General Board of Home Missions, and in 1890 the General Synod directed the Board to send to Hungary for missionaries.

(4) What has been the outcome so far? We began in 1890 with one missionary, Rev. Gustav Jurany, in Cleveland, O., who organized a congregation there and built a church, and organized congregations also at Toledo, O., and Ashtabula, O. On his leaving there, a few years ago, Rev. Alexander Harsanyi became his successor, and now Rev. Jurany labors in Trenton, N. J. The second to come was Rev. John Kovacs, who began the work in and around Pittsburgh, Pa. He was

succeeded by Rev. Francis Ferenczi, who now preaches to both the Hungarians and the Slavs.

A few years ago the Hungarians in South Norwalk, Conn., secured the services of Rev. Gabriel Dokus, who still serves them.

Next came Rev. Bartholomew Demeter, who labors in New York City, and Rev. Alexander Kalassay, who has lately gone from Mt. Carmel, Pa., to Bridgeport, Conn. In six years this work has grown to unexpectedly large proportions; and though we have six Hungarian missionaries at work, we are now only in the beginning of this interest.

(5) Do these people help themselves? Yes, they are large givers, considering their poverty. In Cleveland, O., they built a church and are now paying off a small debt. In Pittsburgh, Pa., and in South Norwalk, Conn., they are buying the churches built for them by the Board. In Mount Carmel, Pa., they built and paid for a church even before they had a pastor. Yes, they are liberal.

(6) How are these Hungarian missionaries paid? Just as our American missionaries are paid, partly by their people and partly by the Board; and for this work the General Synod asks of the Church, through the Synods and the Classes, a special apportionment. The work has grown, and the General Synod now asks for \$6,000 for this work, including the Bohemian Mission in Chicago, Ill.

# APRIL.

4th Month, 30 Days.

1897.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SI. RISES SETS M. H. M. H. M.	HIGH WATER PHILA. M. H.
Thursday	1 Fritigild	Matt. 27: 3-31	D sets	19	1. ♂ ♀ ☽ superior	45 44 6 16	12 56
Friday	2 Theodosia	" 27: 32-50	7 17	2	Aldebaran sets 10 38	45 43 6 17	1 30
Saturday	3 Gerb. Tersteegen	" 27: 51-55	8 20	16	2 ♀ south 9 24	45 41 6 19	2 8

14] 5th Sunday in Lent.

John 8: 46-59; Heb. 9: 11-15.

Day's Length, 12 hours, 40 minutes.

Sunday	4 Ambrose	John 11:	9 18	28	● in Apo. ♀ rises 10 10	35 40 6 20	2 40
Monday	5 Christ. Scriver	" 12:	10 20	11	♂ ♀ ☽. ♀ sets 9 17	35 39 6 21	3 20
Tuesday	6 Albert Durer	" 13: 1-30	11 14	25	♀ stationary. Procyon south 6 31	25 38 6 22	4 5
Wednesday	7 Olaus Petersen	" 13: 31; 14: 1-38	morn.	9	♂ ♀ ☽. ♀ in ♀. 7* sets 10 3	25 37 6 23	4 54
Thursday	8 Martin Chemnitz	" 15:	12 3	23	♂ ☽ Geminorum	25 35 6 25	5 35
Friday	9 Theo. v. Westen	" 16:	12 43	7	♂ ☽ ☽ ☽. ☽ sets 12 48	25 34 6 26	6 28
Saturday	10 Fulbert	" 17:	1 30	21	● 10. ♀ south 8 55	15 33 6 27	7 20

15] Palm Sunday.

John 12: 1-16; Phil. 2: 5-10.

Day's Length, 12 hours, 56 minutes.

Sunday	11 Leo the Great	Lam. Jeremiah	2 10	28	Antares rises 10 37	15 32 6 28	8 20
Monday	12 Saba	Heb. 8:	2 44	20	♀ in Peri. ♀ rises 9 32 ☽ in ♀	15 30 6 30	9 20
Tuesday	13 Justin Martyr	" 9:	3* 6	4	♂ ☽ ☽. ☽ sets 8 36	15 29 6 31	10 19
Wednesday	14 John Eccard	Heb. 10:	3 36	18	Alphacca south 2 3	05 28 6 32	11 14
Thursday	15 Maundy Thursd'y	John 6:	3 58	1	Spica south 11 42	05 27 6 33	12 1
Friday	16 Good Friday	Luke 23: 32-49	4 24	15	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ☽ sets 5	25 25 6 35	12 40
Saturday	17 Mappalicus	Heb. 4:	D rises	29	● 17. ● in Per. ☽ ☽	05 24 6 36	1 23

16] Easter Sunday.

John 20: 1-10; Col. 3: 1-11.

Day's Length, 13 hours, 14 minutes.

Sunday	18 Easter Sunday	Matt. 28:	8 54	12	♂ sets 12 40	15 23 6 37	2 19
Monday	19 Easter Monday	Luke 24: 1-12	10 21	25	♂ ☽ ☽. ☽ ☽. ☽ rises 9 4	15 22 6 38	3 10
Tuesday	20 Jno. Burgenhagen	Acts 2: 22-47	11 28	12	♀ south 8 14	15 21 6 39	4 2
Wednesday	21 Anselm of Cant.	1 Cor. 15:	morn.	25	○ enters 8	25 20 6 40	5 3
Thursday	22 Origen	Rom. 6:	12 22	3	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ☽	25 19 6 41	5 57
Friday	23 George of Capp.	" 8:	1 5	15	● 23. Sirius sets 9 38 ☽ in ♀	25 18 6 42	6 52
Saturday	24 Wilfrid	1 Cor. 3:	1 39	27	Regulus south 7 52	25 16 6 44	7 49

17] 1st Sunday after Easter.

John 20: 19-31; John 5: 4-12.

Day's Length, 13 hours, 32 minutes.

Sunday	25 St. Mark, Evang.	John 1:	2 8	9	Wega south 7 8	25 14 6 46	8 49
Monday	26 Trudpert	" 2:	2 32	22	♀ stationary. ♀ rises 8 39	25 13 6 47	9 41
Tuesday	27 Otto Catelin	" 3:	2 54	2	Orion sets 9 54	25 12 6 48	10 30
Wednesday	28 Fred. Myconius	" 4:	3 14	15	♀ gr. Elong. East. ♂ ♀ ☽ Inferior	35 11 6 49	11 17
Thursday	29 L. v. Berquin	" 5:	3 33	27	♂ sets 12 18	35 10 6 50	12 0
Friday	30 Geo. Claxitus	" 6: 1-40	4 0	10	Arctur south 11 41	35 9 6 51	12 40

### Moon's Phases.

New Moon, 1st, 11 o'clock, 23 minutes, evening.  
First Quarter, 10th, 3 " 26 " morning.  
Full Moon, 17th, 1 " 25 " morning.  
Last Quarter, 23d, 4 " 47 " afternoon.

### Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, frosty; 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, 9, 10, stormy;  
11, 12, mild; 13, 14, 15, rain; 16, 17, 18, clear and cold;  
19, 20, mild; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27,  
warm; 29, 30, clear.

Venus is in Inferior Conjunction with the Sun on the 28th, and passes from evening to morning Star.

## APRIL.

### Foreign Missions.

THE Board of Foreign Missions consists of the following members: *Prest.*, Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D.; *Vice Prest.*, Rev. Dr. John H. Prugh, D. D.; *Secy.*, Rev. S. N. Calender, D. D.; *Treas.*, Jas. L. Lemberger, Ph. M.; Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, J. S. Kieffer, D. D., J. Dahlman, D. D., C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., P. Greding, D. D., and Elders J. Y. Dietz, J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., and B. Kuhns.

The Executive Committee consists of the officers, together with Rev. A. R. Bartholomew and J. Z. Gerhard, M. D.

The Board meets once a year in regular session, and in special sessions as often as called by the Executive Committee, which committee convenes in regular quarterly meetings. The anti-foreign feeling which for several years previously had so seriously interfered with the success of mission work, has, since the war with China, become a thing of the past. Our missionaries now enjoy privileges which before were denied them. And when the revised treaties go into effect in 1899, they will enjoy full freedom of action. The excitement of the war, however, caused not a few native Christians to turn aside, so that while the number of new converts has not materially decreased, the number of regular church members has not increased in the last two years.

During the war, the bravery of the Christian soldiers, and the abounding works of love and mercy wrought by the Christians, both native and foreign, produced upon the minds of the people of the Empire a profound impression favorable to Christianity, and they are now considering its claims with a thoughtfulness and respect which previously it did not enjoy. The outlook is therefore exceedingly promising and hopeful.



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Professor of English Language and Literature,  
Sendai, Japan.

An important step has been taken for the enlargement and expansion of our evangelistic work by the establishment of four, instead of but one central station. In the near future we will have missionaries located at Tokio, Yamagata, and in the Hokkaido (the northern island), besides in Sendai. The extreme stations will be over five hundred miles apart.

Our schools are in successful and vigorous operation. The competition of the Government schools, which are of a high order, has not materially lessened the number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin. The number of candidates for the ministry continues full, while in the Girls' School we have about as many scholars as our present plant will allow. The Government pays but little heed to the

education of girls; hence our school is the more largely patronized. We might have more scholars if we had larger buildings.

The Board is at present seeking information as to the most eligible location for the new mission authorized by the late General Synod. Whether in China or some neighboring country, it has not yet reached final action on the subject. Information, however, is being received, and light is dawning.

As an important aid to the blessed work of winning heathen souls to Christ, we beg to commend to the prayerful consideration of our members the duty of remembering it in their last wills. Many who cannot spare the means during life, could easily do so by legacy. In all cases let the full corporate title of our Board be used, viz., *The Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

“God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

# MAY,

## 5th Month, 31 Days.

1897.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. Fs.	SUN RISES M. H.	SUN SETS M. H. M. H.	HIGH WATER PHILA. M. H. M.
Saturday	1 Phil. and James	John 6: 41-71	1 D sets	23	● 1. Arctur south 11 34	35	7 6	53	1 8
18]	2d Sunday after Easter.	John 10: 11-16; 1 Pet. 2: 25-36.			Day's Length, 13 hours, 46 minutes.				
Sunday	2 Athanasius	John 7: 8	8 8	7	● in Apo. Sirius sets 9 4	35	6 6	54	1 37
Monday	3 Monica	" 8: 1-30	9 9	21	δ ♀ ♀. 7* sets 7 25	35	5 6	55	2 18
Tuesday	4 Florian	" 8: 31-50	10 3	5	δ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 8 0	35	4 6	56	3 6
Wednesday	5 Fred'k the Wise	" 9: 10 53	19	19	♀ rises 4 14	45	3 6	57	4 4
Thursday	6 John of Damasc.	" 10: 11 38	2	2	Orion sets 9 20	45	2 6	58	4 59
Friday	7 Flav. Domitilla	" 11: morn.	16	6 6 ♀. ♀ sets 12 3	45	1 6	59	5 40	
Saturday	8 Stanislaus	" 12: 12 21	29	24 south 7 4	● in ♀	45	0 7	0	6 7
19]	3d Sunday after Easter.	John 16: 16-23; 1 Pet. 2: 11-20.			Day's Length, 14 hours, 2 minutes.				
Sunday	9 Greg. Nazianzen	John 13; 14:	12 57	15	9. Antares south 1 17	44	5 9	7	3
Monday	10 John Henglin	" 15:	1 27	27	♀ stationary. ♂ ♀	44	5 8	7	48
Tuesday	11 John Arndt	" 16; 17:	1 54	0	♀ rises 7 31	44	5 7	7	43
Wednesday	12 Meletius	" 18:	2 19	14	♀ rises 3 46	44	5 6	7	43
Thursday	13 Servatius	" 19:	2 45	28	24 sets 1 27	44	5 5	10	42
Friday	14 Pachomius	" 20:	3 16	11	Librae south 11 43	44	5 4	11	41
Saturday	15 Moses	" 21:	3 46	25	♂ sets 11 46	44	5 3	7	12 10
20]	4th Sunday after Easter.	John 16: 5-15; Jas. 1: 16-21.			Day's Length, 14 hours, 16 minutes.				
Sunday	16 Five Martyrs of L	Heb. 1: 2:	D rises	8	16. ♀ in ♀. ♂ ♀	44	5 2	7	5
Monday	17 Joachim of Flor.	" 3; 4:	9 5	21	♀ stationary. ♂ ♀	44	5 1	7	0
Tuesday	18 80 Marts. with Val.	" 5; 6:	10 6	4 8h ♂. Pollux sets 11 41	44	5 0	7	58	
Wednesday	19 Alecun	" 7:	11 0	16	Algenib rises 11 20	44	4 9	7	56
Thursday	20 Val. Herberger	" 8:	11 43	28	♀ rises 3 21	44	4 9	7	50
Friday	21 Constantine	" 9:	morn.	11	● in ♀	44	4 8	7	40
Saturday	22 Castus and Aemil	" 10:	12 10	23	♂ in Aphelion	44	4 7	7	27
21]	5th Sunday after Easter.	John 16: 23-30; Jas. 1: 23-27.			Day's Length, 14 hours, 28 minutes.				
Sunday	23 Jerome Savona	Heb. 11:	12 27	5	23. ♀ sets 12 49	34	4 6	7	12
Monday	24 Aug. Cazal	" 12:	12 59	16	Castor sets 8 43	34	4 6	7	6
Tuesday	25 Augustine	" 13:	1 26	28	δ ♀ Cancer	34	4 5	7	2
Wednesday	26 Beda Venerabilis	John 14:	1 46	10	♀ in Aphelion	34	4 4	7	48
Thursday	27 Ascension Day	Col. 2.	2 22	22	Regulus sets 12 27	34	4 3	7	34
Friday	28 Lanfranc	John 15:	2 52	9	δ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 2 57	34	4 3	7	22
Saturday	29 David Zeisberger	" 12:	3 46	21	● in Apo. Vega south 2 9	34	4 2	7	12 3
22]	6th Sunday after Easter.	John 15: 26-16: 4; 1 Pet. 4: 8-11.			Day's Length, 14 hours 38 minutes.				
Sunday	30 Memorial Day	John 1:	4 0	8	δ ♀ ♀. ♀ sets 11 15	34	4 1	7	12 37
Monday	31 Joachim Neander	" 2:	D sets	22	31. ♀ sets 12 19	34	4 1	7	1 15

### Moon's Phases.

New Moon, 1st, 3 o'clock, 46 minutes, afternoon.  
First Quarter, 9th, 4 " 36 " "  
Full Moon, 16th, 8 " 54 " forenoon.  
Last Quarter, 23d, 4 " 34 " morning.  
New Moon, 31st, 7 " 25 " "

Saturn is in opposition with the Sun on the 18th, and shines all night.

### Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, variable; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, 9, fair; 10, 11, warm; 12, 13, cloudy; 14, 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, warm; 21, 22, cloudy; 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, cool; 27, 28, variable; 29, 30, warm; 31, rain.

## MAY.

### Michael Schlatter.

We have heard with our ears,  
O God; our fathers have told us  
what work thou didst in their  
days, in the times of old.

To forget the past is to forget our mercies, and to forget our mercies is to forget God. The trials and triumphs of the past are as promises to stimulate us in the present, and as pledges to give us hope and courage for the future.

FROM 1720 to 1730 a number of Reformed churches were established in Eastern Pennsylvania. Rev. John Philip Boehm, Rev. George Michael Weiss and others, were the pioneers in this work. But there was no co-operation between these congregations; they belonged to no common organization. It was the mission of Michael Schlatter to organize the congregations into a church. Arriving in this country in 1746, he visited the scattered churches in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia. He organized the churches into pastoral charges and induced the people to pledge themselves to pay specified sums for the regular support of regular pastors. He found a number of imperfectly organized congregations, and had the people designate proper persons as elders and deacons, whom he ordained and installed, and thus organized consistories. In accordance with the instructions which he had received from Holland, he prepared at once to establish a Coetus, or Synod. A preliminary meeting was held in Philadelphia on October 12, 1746, at which, besides Schlatter, were present Weiss, Boehm and Rieger. The first regular meeting, however, was held in Philadelphia on September 29, 1747. At this meeting, thirty-one members, including elders, were present. From that time to the present, except for several years during the



REV. MICHAEL SCHLATTER.  
Founder of the Synod of the Reformed Church  
in the United States.

Revolutionary War, the meetings of the Synod have been regularly held. Last October, at Bethlehem, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary was celebrated. During the present year the church will contribute one hundred thousand dollars for church extension, the same to be known as the *Schlatter Memorial Fund*. This is very proper. Schlatter was the organizer of the Reformed Church in the United States. He did a great, good, and very sorely-needed work. His work was difficult, the circumstances were often highly unfavorable, his labors were abundant and severe. He traveled thousands of miles on horseback during his missionary journeys. He crossed the sea and pleaded

the cause of the American Church before his brethren in Holland and Switzerland. From thence he returned with a contribution of seven hundred Bibles, sixty thousand dollars and six young pastors. He would also have done something for the literary advancement of our people, but in this he was misunderstood and mistreated. His public life was short, but the result of his work has been great. His name is now honored and his memory revered.

Every church founded by Schlatter, and every church visited by him, should, during this anniversary year, resolve to raise a Church Extension Fund. These funds consist of five hundred dollars, and are loaned to mission congregations, without interest, and to be repaid again, to assist in erecting a chapel or church. For the want of aid in times past the Church has suffered great loss. Had it been otherwise we might to-day have churches in New England, New Jersey, Virginia, and all along the South Atlantic Coast, where now we practically have none. Let the Church resolve that this history shall not repeat itself.

JUNE,

6th Month, 30 Days.

1897.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. Fs.	SUN RISES M. H.	SUN SETS M. H.	HIGH WATER PHILA. M. H.
Tuesday	1 J. F. Oberlin	John 3: 8 49	11	6 $\Psi$ $\zeta$ . Spica south 8 40	2 4 40 7 20 1 59				
Wednesday	2 Pothinus and Blandina	" 4: 9 36	24	$\varnothing$ stationary	2 4 40 7 20 2 45				
Thursday	3 Chlotilde	" 5: 10 14	14	$\varnothing$ rises 2 44	2 4 39 7 21 3 30				
Friday	4 Quirinus	Joel 13: 10 48	28	$\varnothing$ gr. brilliancy $\bullet$ in $\wp$	2 4 39 7 21 4 14				
Saturday	5 Boniface	John 17: 11 16	13	6 $\delta$ $\zeta$ . $\delta$ sets	2 4 39 7 21 4 58				

23] *Whit Sunday or Pentecost.*

John 14: 23-31; Acts 2: 1-13.

*Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 minutes.*

Sunday	6 <i>Whit Sunday</i>	Gal. 3: 11 42	27	$\varnothing$ south 10 34	2 4 38 7 22 5 40
Monday	7 <i>Whit Monday</i>	" 5: morn.	11	$\delta$ $\Psi$ $\zeta$ . $\varnothing$ sets 11 54	1 4 38 7 22 6 23
Tuesday	8 A. H. Franke	Rom. 12: 12 18	25	$\wp$ 8. Procyon sets 8 45	1 4 37 7 23 7 10
Wednesday	9 <i>Ember Day</i>	1 Cor. 13: 12 46	8	$\varnothing$ rises 2 32	1 4 37 7 23 8 3
Thursday	10 Fdk. Barbarossa	Rom. 6: 19; 7: 1 12	22	$\delta$ $\Psi$ $\odot$ . Castor sets 10 16	1 4 37 7 23 9 6
Friday	11 Barnabas	" 8: 1 42	4	$\delta$ sets 10 48	1 4 36 7 24 10 12
Saturday	12 Renata	2 Cor. 5: 2 16	17	$\delta$ $\Psi$ $\odot$ . $\delta$ $\Psi$ . 7* rises 2 51	0 4 36 7 24 11 19

24] *Trinity Sunday.*

John 3: 1-15; 1 Pet. 4: 1-11.

*Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 minutes.*

Sunday	13 Isaac L. Febvre	Acts 1: 2: 2 59	29	$\bullet$ in per. $\varnothing$ south 10 5	0 4 36 7 24 12 15
Monday	14 Basil	" 3: $\varnothing$ rises	14	$\odot$ 14. $\varnothing$ sets 11 28	0 4 35 7 25 12 56
Tuesday	15 W. Wilberforce	" 4: 8 49	25	$\odot$ $\varnothing$ gr. $\wp$ long. $\wp$ rises 3 35	2 4 35 7 25 1 50
Wednesday	16 R. Baxter	" 5: 9 33	7	$\varnothing$ gr. Hel. Lat. south	0 4 35 7 25 2 46
Thursday	17 <i>Corpus Christi</i>	" 6: 10 10	19	$\bullet$ in $\odot$ . $\varnothing$ rises 2 20 $\varnothing$	1 4 35 7 25 3 39
Friday	18 Pamphilus	" 7: 10 28	1	$\delta$ $\varnothing$ . $\delta$ sets 10 30	1 4 35 7 25 4 27
Saturday	19 Council of Nice	" 8: 11 6	13	Antares south 10 28	1 4 35 7 25 5 11

25] *1st Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke 16: 13-31; 1 John 4: 7-21.

*Day's Length, 14 hours, 52 minutes.*

Sunday	20 27 Martyrs of P.	1 Pet. 1; 2: 1-10	11 28	$\odot$ enters $\varnothing$ . Longest Day. Summer begins.	1 4 34 7 26 5 52
Monday	21 Matt. Claudius	Acts 10: 11 49	7	$\odot$ 21. $\varnothing$ enters 11 2	1 4 35 7 25 6 32
Tuesday	22 Gottschalk	" 11: morn.	19	$\odot$ Arctur south 8 3	2 4 35 7 25 7 14
Wednesday	23 Gottfried Arnold	" 12: 12 10	1	$\varnothing$ south 9 23	2 4 35 7 25 8 2
Thursday	24 John Baptist	1 Pet. 2: 11; 3: 1-17	12 37	Andromeda rises 10	2 4 35 7 25 8 55
Friday	25 Augsburg Conf.	" 3: 18; 4: 1-16	1 3	$\odot$ in $\text{Apo}$ . $\varnothing$ in $\text{Aphelion}$	2 4 35 7 25 9 51
Saturday	26 J. V. Andreæ	" 4: 17; 5: 1 37	9	$\delta$ $\varnothing$ . $\varnothing$ rises 2 6	3 4 35 7 25 10 46

26] *2d Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke 4: 16-24; 1 John 3: 13-18.

*Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 minutes.*

Sunday	27 Seven Sleepers	2 Pet. 1: 11	2 2	$\delta$ sets 10 10	3 4 35 7 25 11 42
Monday	28 Irenæus	" 1: 12; 2: 3	2 34	$\odot$ $\delta$ $\varnothing$ $\zeta$ . $\delta$ $\Psi$ $\zeta$	3 4 35 7 25 12 8
Tuesday	29 Peter and Paul	Jas. 2: $\varnothing$ sets	23	$\odot$ 29. $\delta$ $\varnothing$ Neptune	3 4 36 7 24 12 52
Wednesday	30 Raymond Lully	" 3: 8 16	7	$\varnothing$ sets 10 31	3 4 36 7 24 1 37

#### Moon's Phases

First Quarter, 8th, 2 o'clock, 2 minutes, morning.  
 Full Moon, 14th, 4 " 1 " afternoon.  
 Last Quarter, 21st, 6 " 23 " evening.  
 New Moon, 29th, 9 " 55 " evening.

#### Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, variable; 9, cool rain; 10, 11, clear and cool; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, 17, warm; 18, 19, showers; 20, variable; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, 25, warm; 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, sultry.

## JUNE.

### Lesson Helps for Our Sunday Schools.

THIS last year marks a great advance in our Reformed Lesson Helps. They are now owned and published by the Sunday School Board of the General Synod. Under the new management, desirable improvements have been made. Helps are now published for every department in the Sunday School. *The Heidelberg Teacher*, which has been enlarged, and which it is hoped soon to make a monthly, without increasing the subscription, is an invaluable aid to Bible students, teachers and officers of the school, including the primary teacher.

*The Advanced Scholar's Quarterly* and *Advanced Scholar's Lesson Leaves* are for the older scholars. Then there is the *Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly*; and for the little ones there is issued the finest and most appropriate help—*Heidelberg Picture Cards*, with the *Heidelberg Lesson Roll* for the entire school.

The Lesson Helps are prepared from the doctrinal standpoint of the Reformed Church. All schools connected in any way with the Reformed Church should therefore use them. Sample copies sent free on request.

### The General Sunday School Work.

THE General Synod meeting at Dayton, Ohio, June, 1896, greatly enlarged the work of its Sunday School Board. Authority was given to make arrangements to unify and consolidate all English Sunday School publications, and to publish them under the Board. This is now accomplished and the good results are apparent. The Lesson Helps have been improved and a weekly Sunday School paper has been established.

General Synod also heartily commended the

work and plans of the Board. This means more complete statistics, the enlargement of Sunday School mission work and renewed emphasis of every department of the Sunday School.

Rev. J. C. Horning as the permanent Sunday School missionary, continues to do good work, while theological students have started a number of schools. About seventy schools have been aided by grants of literature, Bibles, etc., and of these a large number were organized as new schools. The support of this work comes from the offerings of Children's Day. All schools should observe this day and contribute to the noble work of gathering in the children.

The officers of the Board are Rev. C. Clever, D. D., Baltimore, Md., *Prest.*; Rev. C. F. Kriete, Louisville, Ky., *Vice-Prest.*; Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., Greenville, Pa., *Sec'y*; Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Columbiana, O., *Treas.* Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Reading, Pa., is the General Secretary, who has general charge of the work, and to whom all communications should be addressed. The yearly Report of the Board can be obtained by addressing the General Secretary.



SALEM'S REFORMED CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING.  
Allentown, Pa., Rev. George W. Richards, Pastor.

JULY,

7th Month, 31 Days.

1897.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H.	MOON'S PLACE. M. S. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SI. RISES M. H.	SUN SETS M. H. M. H.	HIGH WATER PHILA. M. H. M.
Thursday	1 H. Voes	James 4:	8 48	22	⊕ in Aphelion ● in ♀	34 36	7 24	2 24
Friday	2 Visit Virgin Mary	" 5:	9 22	7	Vega south 11 49	44 36	7 24	3 8
Saturday	3 Otto Bishop	Jude	9 48	22	6 ♀ ☽. ☽ sets 9 54	44 37	7 23	3 50

27] 3d Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Pet. 5: 5-11.

Day's Length, 14 hours 46 minutes.

Sunday	4 Independence	Acts 13: 1-12	10 12	7	6 ♀ ☽. ☽ in ♀. ♀ sets 10 17	44 37	7 23	4 31
Monday	5 Lord Cobham	" 13: 13-52	10 41	22	♀ rises 1 56	44 37	7 23	5 13
Tuesday	6 John Huss	" 14.	11 0	5	☽ ♀ south 8 30	44 38	7 22	5 55
Wednesday	7 Willibald	" 15:	11 29	18	☽ 7. ♀ gr. Elong. West	44 38	7 22	6 41
Thursday	8 Kilian	" 16:	morn.	2	Orion rises 4 11	54 39	7 21	7 34
Friday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 17: 1-14	12 44	15	♀ in Perihelion	54 39	7 21	8 41
Saturday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 17: 15; 18: 11	1 30	27	6 ♀ ☽. ☽ sets 9 38	54 40	7 20	9 55

28] 4th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23.

Day's Length, 14 hours, 40 minutes.

Sunday	11 Placidus	1 Thess. 1:	2 2	10	● in Per. Dog Days Begin.	54 40	7 20	11 9
Monday	12 Henry II.	" 2: 1-16	3 10	22	♀ rises 1 53	54 41	7 19	11 47
Tuesday	13 Eugenius	" 3: 17:	▷ rises	4	☽ 13. ♀ sets 9 44	54 41	7 19	12 46
Wednesday	14 Bonaventura	" 4:	7 55	16	● in ♀. ♀ south	54 42	7 18	1 37
Thursday	15 Ansver	" 5:	8 37	28	6 ♀ ○ Superior	64 43	7 17	2 29
Friday	16 Anna Askew	" 1; 2: 1-12	9 8	10	☽ sets 9 23	64 43	7 17	3 10
Saturday	17 Speratus and 11 Co.	" 2: 13; 3:	9 38	22	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. south	64 44	7 16	3 56

29] 5th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Pet. 3: 8-15.

Day's Length, 14 hours, 30 minutes.

Sunday	18 Arnulf	Gal. 1: 1-10	9 49	3	Altair south 11 52	64 45	7 15	4 30
Monday	19 Louisa Henrietta	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	10 15	15	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. north	64 46	7 14	5 10
Tuesday	20 John Marteilhe	Gal. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	10 38	27	♀ sets 9 22	64 46	7 14	5 52
Wednesday	21 Eberhard	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	11 5	8	Antares south 8 22	64 47	7 13	6 33
Thursday	22 Mary Magdalene	" 3: 15	11 35	21	☽ 21. ♀ south 7 30	64 48	7 12	7 18
Friday	23 Godfr. v. Hamele	" 4:	morn.	5	○ enters ♀	64 49	7 11	8 12
Saturday	24 Thos. à Kempis	" 5; 6:	12 0	18	● in Apo. ☽ sets 9 3	64 50	7 10	9 4

30] 6th Sunday after Trinity.

Matt. 5: 20-26; Rom. 3: 6-11.

Day's Length, 14 hours, 20 minutes.

Sunday	25 James the Elder	1 Cor. 1:	12 20	4	6 ☽ ♀. ☽ ♀ ☽. ☽ rises 1 46	64 50	7 10	10 14
Monday	26 Christopher	" 2:	12 56	16	☽ sets 12 11	64 51	7 9	11 16
Tuesday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 3; 4: 1-4	1 50	0	♀ sets 8 57	64 52	7	8 12
Wednesday	28 John Seb. Bach	" 4: 5; 5: 1-8	2 49	15	☽ ♀. ☽ stationary	64 53	7	7 12
Thursday	29 Olaus	" 5: 9; 6:	▷ sets	1	☽ 29. 7* rises 11 39 ● in ♀	64 54	7	6 1 19
Friday	30 Jacob Wessele	" 7:	7 52	16	6 ♀ ☽. ☽ Algenib south 8 35	64 55	7	5 2 0
Saturday	31 John Cas. Schade	" 8; 9:	8 10	2	Spica sets 10 2	64 56	7	4 2 44

#### Moon's Phases.

First Quarter, 7th, 8 o'clock, 32 minutes, forenoon.

Ful Moon, 13th, 11 " 52 " evening.

Last Quarter, 21st, 10 " 8 " forenoon.

New Moon, 29th, 10 " 57 " forenoon.

#### Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, warm; 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, 9, thunder showers; 10, 11, pleasant; 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, 19, warm; 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, 24, misty; 25, 26, thunder; 27, 28, cool; 29, 30, 31, variable.

JULY.



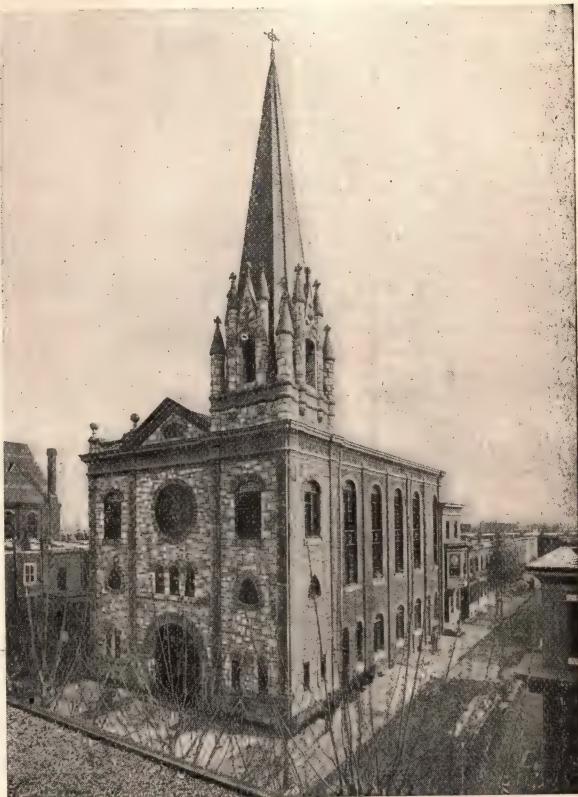
REV. P. VOLLMER.

### Our Christian Endeavor Work.

THE action of the late General Synod at Dayton, Ohio, has given to the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor in our congregations, as well as to all other Young People's Societies, a recognized place and standing in the Church. Recognizing the good which they have done and are still doing in the congregations in which they have been laboring, the General Synod heartily commended the efforts of the young people in their endeavor to develop piety and devotion to the Church, requested them to co-operate with the several Boards which now have in charge the educational and benevolent work of the Church, and provided that hereafter a Standing Committee shall be appointed at each meeting of the General Synod, to whom all items and papers, having reference to this department of church work, shall be referred.

Our Christian Endeavor Societies now support one missionary in the foreign field. At their suggestion, the Board of Foreign Missions appointed Rev. S. S. Snyder to the service in Japan, at the same time designating him as *The Christian Endeavor Missionary*. His support has been almost entirely provided by the Societies.

A Christian Endeavor *Church Building Fund* has also been undertaken. At the last Reformed



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Rev. P. Vollmer, Pastor.

Rally at Washington, D. C., a sufficient number of pledges were taken to complete the Fund. Most of these have been redeemed, so that the Fund will soon be in the hands of the Home Board.

The most important work of the Societies is in the congregations, where our young people are in training for active service. Here, under the direction of pastors and consistories, they find their legitimate sphere of activity; and the good which they do can be known only in the lives of individuals and congregations. The Societies have also been instrumental in arousing and developing the spirit of true denominational loyalty, as well as interdenominational courtesy.

# AUGUST,

8th Month, 31 Days.

1897.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SI. M. H.	SUN RISES SETS M. H. M. H. M.	HIGH WATER PHILA. M. H. M.
31] 7th Sunday after Trinity.								
Sunday	1 Maccabees	1 Cor. 10: 11: 1	8 44	15	6 24 C. 6 3 C. 3 sets 8 43	6 4	57 7	3 3 20
Monday	2 Mar. Under Nero	" 11: 2	9 5	0	W stationary	6 4	58 7	2 4 2
Tuesday	3 William Thorp	" 12: 30	9 55	14	♀ rises 1 47	6 4	59 7	1 4 46
Wednesday	4 Leonard Kiser	" 12: 31; 13: 10	2 28		Altair south 10 47	6 5	0 7	0 5 31
Thursday	5 Salzb'g Evang.	" 14:	10 41	11	5. Orion rises 2 20	6 5	16 59	6 20
Friday	6 Transfiguration	" 15: 1-34	11 24	24	6 1 C. 6 W C. 1 2 sets 11 47	6 5	26 58	7 19
Saturday	7 Nonna	" 15: 35; 16: morn.	7		● in per. 2 sets 8 17	5 5	36 57	8 28
32] 8th Sunday after Trinity.								
Sunday	8 Hormisdas	Acts 19: 11; 20: 12	49	19	6 sets 8 28	5 5	46 56	9 47
Monday	9 Numidicas	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	1 39	1	Markab south 1 48	5 5	56 55	10 58
Tuesday	10 Laurentius	" 1: 23; 2: 2	2 40	13	♀ rises 1 51	5 5	66 54	11 59
Wednesday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 3; 4: 1-16	3 48	25	Spica sets 9 48 in	5 5	76 53	12 37
Thursday	12 Ans. of Har'l'b'g	" 4: 7; 5: 10	D rises	7	12. ♀ in ♀. Algenib south 3 41	5 5	86 52	1 18
Friday	13 C'nt of Zinzendorf	" 5: 11; 6: 7: 1	7 32	19	6 ♀. 1 sets 11 28	5 5	96 51	2 1
Saturday	14 James Guthrie	" 7: 2	7 58	0	2 sets 7 53	4 5	106 50	2 40
33] 9th Sunday after Trinity.								
Sunday	15 Virgin Mary	2 Cor. 8:	8 18	12	6 sets 8 8	4 5	126 48	3 20
Monday	16 John of Saxony	" 9:	8 43	25	II 1 C. 7* rises 10 28	4 5	136 47	3 57
Tuesday	17 John Gerhard	" 10:	9 15	6	II W C. ♀ rises 1 57	4 5	146 46	4 36
Wednesday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 11:	9 35	19	Sirius rises 3 47	4 5	156 45	5 17
Thursday	19 Sebaldus	" 12: 1-8	10 8	1	1 sets 10 59	3 5	176 43	5 58
Friday	20 Bernard of Clair	" 12: 19; 13:	10 47	14	20. in Apo. Archernar south 3 40	3 5	186 42	6 42
Saturday	21 1st Morv. Miss.	Acts 20: 1-13	11 36	27	2 sets 7 29	3 5	196 41	7 39
34] 10th Sunday after Trinity.								
Sunday	22 Symphorianus	Rom. 1: 1-13	morn.	11	6 ♀ C. ♀ in Aphelion	3 5	206 40	8 40
Monday	23 Gasp. de Coligny	" 1: 18-31	12 40	25	6 sets 7 45 ○ enters ♀	2 5	216 39	9 45
Tuesday	24 Bartholomew	" 2:	1 43	9	6 ♀ C. ♀ rises 2 4	2 5	236 37	10 46
Wednesday	25 Louis IX.	" 3:	2 39	24	6 W C. Capella rises 11. ○ in ♀	2 5	246 36	11 43
Thursday	26 Ulfilas	" 4:	3 21	9	6 ♀ C. Elong. ♀ sets 7 25	2 5	256 35	12 7
Friday	27 Jovinian	" 5: 1-11	D sets	24	27. Dog Days end	1 5	266 34	12 52
Saturday	28 Aug. of Hippo	" 5: 12-21	6 41	9	6 1 C. 2 sets 7 4	1 5	276 33	1 34
35] 11th Sunday after Trinity.								
Sunday	29 John Baptist B'd	Rom. 6:	7 8	24	1 sets 9 59	1 5	286 32	2 16
Monday	30 Claude of Turin	" 7:	7 34	9	6 ♀ C. 6 3 C. 3 sets 7 44	0 5	306 30	2 58
Tuesday	31 Aidan	" 8: 1-15	8 3	24	Algenib south 1 29	0 5	316 29	3 40

### Moon's Phases.

First Quarter, 5th, 1 o'clock, 24 minutes, afternoon.  
 Full Moon, 12th, 9 " 22 " forenoon.  
 Last Quarter, 20th, 3 " 29 " morning.  
 New Moon, 27th, 10 " 29 " evening.

### Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, warm; 4, 5, rain; 6, 7, 8, clear; 9, 10, 11, warm;  
 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, 16, dry; 17, 18, variable; 19, 20,  
 showers; 21, 22, cool; 23, 24, 25, clear and sultry; 26,  
 27, 28, fair; 29, variable; 30, 31, sultry and dry.

## AUGUST.

### Our Orphans' Homes.

*Bethany*, Womelsdorf, Pa., Rev. T. M. Yundt, Superintendent. Number of children, 107.

*St. Paul's*, Butler, Pa., Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., Superintendent. Number of children, 85.

*Reformed*, Fort Wayne, Ind., Rev. J. Rettig, Superintendent. Number of children, 63.

*Zoar*, Detroit, Mich., Rev. Wm. Hansen, Superintendent. Number of children, 46.

Remember these at Christmas time.

THIS is a picture of the new Frick Memorial Cottage, erected at Bethany Orphans' Home during the past summer.

This Home is located near Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa. Here the Reformed Church owns nearly one hundred acres of land on which is a large spring of pure water, and on which, also, are large and convenient buildings for the care of orphaned and other destitute children. The number of children in the Home at present is about 120. It has been the rule of the home for many years not to receive children who are under six years of age. Applications have, however, often been made for the admission of little children under this age, and that, sometimes, by widows in very destitute circumstances. The Board of Managers has felt that it would not be wise to receive such little ones and bring them under the same rules with the large number of older boys and girls already in the Home. These facts were stated upon a number of occasions in jubilee addresses by the Superintendent, and also in the Church papers. In response to the suggestion, and moved by a worthy desire to erect a memorial to her parents, Mrs. H. M. Housekeeper, of Philadelphia, gave to the Board of Managers the sum of six thousand dollars to erect a separate cottage in which to care for the little ones. The cottage



FRICK MEMORIAL COTTAGE, WOMELSDORF, PA.

is substantially built, is heated with hot water and lighted with gas. On the first floor are kitchen, dining-room, large living room, matron's room, sun-porch or play-room, laundry and toilet-room. On second floor, dormitory, infirmary, bath-room, and two sleeping-rooms. On third floor a dormitory, sleeping-room and two storage-rooms. All the rooms were furnished by different societies or individuals.

### Our Sunday School Papers.

In all our Sunday Schools it is well to distribute Sunday School papers, for in many homes they are prized, and they become a silent messenger for good. Then in many schools there is no library, or it is little used. For this reason the Sunday School Board began, January 1, 1897, to issue a weekly paper for the young people. It is called *LEAVES OF LIGHT*. There is also a *semi-monthly* and a *monthly* edition. For the little children there is issued *SUNSHINE*, an illustrated weekly paper. Send for sample copies, and use them in your school.

# SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.

1897.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. Fs. RISES	SUN SETS	HIGH WATER PHILA.
				A.		M. H.	M. H. M. H. M.	M. H. M.
Wednesday	1 Anna	Rom. 8: 16-39	8 40	7	● in per. Spica sets 7 13	05 32	6 28	4 26
Thursday	2 Mammas	" 9: 1-13	9 25	20	○ H. C. ○ h. C. ♀ <sup>rises</sup> 2 21	05 33	6 27	5 16
Friday	3 Hildegarde	" 9: 14-33	10 18	3	● 3. ♀ sets 9 39	15 35	6 25	6 12
Saturday	4 Ida v. Herzfeld	" 10:	11 8	16	Achernar south 2 40	15 36	6 24	7 14

36] 12th Sunday after Trinity.

Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 13: 4-11.

Day's Length, 12 hours, 46 minutes.

Sunday	5 John Mollio	Rom. 11:	morn.	28	Sirius rises 2 40	15 37	6 23	8 27
Monday	6 Martin Weibel	" 12:	12 29	10	♂ sets 7 19	25 39	6 21	9 41
Tuesday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 13:	1 49	22	Rigel rises 11 42 ● in ♈	25 40	6 20	10 47
Wednesday	8 Corbinian	" 14:	2 58	4	♀ stationary	25 41	6 19	11 45
Thursday	9 Luigi Resquali	" 15: 1-13	4 7	16	♀ rises 2 34	35 43	6 17	12 0
Friday	10 Paul Seperatus	" 15: 14-33	D rises	28	● 10. ♀ sets 9 14	35 44	6 16	12 52
Saturday	11 John Benz	" 16:	6 20	9	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. south. ♀ <sup>in</sup> ♈	35 45	6 15	1 28

37] 13th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 10: 23-37; Gal. 3: 15-22.

Day's Length, 12 hours, 26 minutes.

Sunday	12 Dionys's Pel'oo'n	Acts 20:	6 44	20	Algenib south 12 42	45 47	6 13	2 6
Monday	13 William Farel	" 21:	7 8	3	♂ ♀ ○. ♂ sets 6 58	45 48	6 12	2 44
Tuesday	14 Cyprian	" 22; 23:	7 56	16	□ ♀ ○. Altair south 8 13	55 49	6 11	3 23
Wednesday	15 Ember Day	" 24; 25:	8 16	28	Arctur sets 9 48	55 50	6 10	4 3
Thursday	16 Euphemia	" 26:	8 43	11	● in Apo. ♀ rises 2 47	55 52	6 8	4 48
Friday	17 Lambert	" 27:	9 26	24	○ 10. ♀ sets 8 47	65 53	6 7	5 30
Saturday	18 A. G. Spangenb'g	" 28:	10 20	8	○ 18. ♀ ♀. Librae sets <sub>9 6</sub>	65 54	6 6	6 18

38] 14th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 17: 15-19; Gal. 5: 16-24.

Day's Length, 12 hours, 8 minutes.

Sunday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	Eph. 1: 1-14	11 14	21	Formal south 11	65 56	6 4	7 6
Monday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10	morn.	5	♂ sets 6 42	75 57	6 3	8 4
Tuesday	21 Matthew	" 2: 11; 3:	12 49	19	7* rises 8 19	75 58	6 2	9 9
Wednesday	22 Mauritius	" 4: 1-17	1 46	3	○ <sup>en-</sup> <sub>ters</sub> <sup>Autumn Begins</sup> Day & Night Equal <sub>in</sub> ♈	76 06	0 10	9
Thursday	23 Mart. of Geneva	" 4: 18	2 40	16	♂ ♀ ○. ♀ rises 3 1	86 15	59	11 3
Friday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 5; 6: 1-9	3 39	29	♀ sets 8 23	86 25	58	11 52
Saturday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 6: 10	4 34	11	♀ stationary. ○ ♀. ○ ♀	86 35	57	12 19

39] 15th Sunday after Trinity.

Matt. 6: 24-34; Gal. 5: 25, 6-10.

Day's Length, 11 hours, 52 minutes.

Sunday	26 Lioba	Col. 1:	D sets	23	26. Antares sets 8 36	96 45	56	1 2
Monday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 2; 3: 1-4	6 9	2	○ ○ ♀. ○ ♀ <sup>sets</sup> <sub>6 24</sub>	96 65	54	1 44
Tuesday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 3: 5; 4:	6 41	17	● in per. Andro- south 11 45	96 75	53	2 31
Wednesday	29 St. Michael	Philemon	7 26	29	Sirius rises 1 16	106 85	52	3 22
Thursday	30 Jerome	Philip. 1: 1-26	8 12	11	○ H. C. ○ h. C. ♀ in ♈. ♀ stationary	106 105	50	4 16

### Moon's Phases

First Quarter, 3d, 6 o'clock, 13 minutes, evening.  
 Full Moon, 10th, 9 " 10 " "  
 Last Quarter, 18th, 9 " 50 " "  
 New Moon, 26th, 8 " 46 " morning.

### Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, rain; 6, 7, 8, sultry; 9, 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, balmy; 14, 15, 16, thunder; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear and warm; 22, 23, 24, misty; 25, 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, stormy; 30, rain.

(24.) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 13th, and cannot be seen.

## SEPTEMBER.



REV. C. J. MUSSER,  
Editor of the Reformed Church Messenger.



REV. C. R. FERNER,  
Business Manager Reformed Church Publication Board.

### Reformed Church Messenger.

THE MESSENGER is both a church and a family paper. It aims to represent the Reformed Church. It carries its message to Reformed homes. It is as liberal in spirit as the church whose name it bears. Whilst it is denominational, it teaches no sectarian doctrine, but stands as a witness of the gracious truth of the Master. It is not a perfect paper, but it is the best for you. It is yours. It is the property of the Reformed Church, and is controlled by the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburg Synods. It has been published since 1835. It is at present published at 1025 Arch Street, Philadelphia. It should be in every home. A church member can not do without a church paper except at great loss. THE MESSENGER will interest you in all that is done by the Reformed Church. You can not be a good and active member of your church unless you read your church's paper. If you do not have a copy, ask your pastor to see his or send for a sample copy.

### Reformed Church Tidings.

THIS is a sixteen page monthly, taking the place of the *Missionary Guardian*. The first number was issued October 1, 1896. It is published by order of the General Synod under the direction of the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Sunday School Work.

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# OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1897.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. F. M. H.	SUN RISES M. H.	SUN SETS M. H.	HIGH WATER PHILA. M. H. M.
Friday	1 Remigius	Philip. 1: 27; 2:	9 12	23	½ sets 7 56	10 6	11 5	49	5 12
Saturday	2 Chr. Schmidt	" 3: 4:	10 18	11	♀ rises 3 21	11 6	12 5	48	6 10
40] 16th Sunday after Trinity.									
Sunday	3 The two Ewalds	1 Tim. 1:	11 31	24	3. Rigel south 9 57	11 6	13 5	47	7 10
Monday	4 Francisco	" 2:	morn.	6	♂ in ♐. 7* rises 7 30	12 6	15 5	45	8 16
Tuesday	5 Petro Carnesec	" 3:	12 59	18	♀ in Perihelion. ♂ sets 6 5	12 6	16 5	44	9 19
Wednesday	6 Henry Albert	" 3; 4: 4-10	2 13	0	♂ ♀ ♁. Arctur sets 8 36	12 6	17 5	43	10 17
Thursday	7 Theodore Benza	" 4: 11; 5: 16	3 17	12	♀ gr. Elong. ♀ rises 5 40	12 6	19 5	41	11 10
Friday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 5: 17	4 20	24	♀ rises 4 33	12 6	20 5	40	11 57
Saturday	9 Dionysius Areo	" 6:	5 32	6	♀ rises 3 36	13 6	21 5	39	12 10
41] 17th Sunday after Trinity.									
Sunday	10 Justus Jonas	Titus 1:	12 rises	18	10. ½ sets 7 23	13 6	23 5	37	12 52
Monday	11 U. Zwingli died	" 2:	5 38	0	Regulus rises 10 30	13 6	24 5	36	1 32
Tuesday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 3:	6 6	12	♂ sets 6 6	13 6	25 5	35	2 10
Wednesday	13 Elizabeth Frey	2 Tim. 1:	6 53	25	Orion rises 10 6	14 6	27 5	33	2 50
Thursday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 2:	7 24	8	● in Apo. ♁ rises 4 16	14 6	28 5	32	3 35
Friday	15 Aurelia	" 3:	8 21	21	♀ in Perihelion. ♀ Lat. north	14 6	29 5	31	4 20
Saturday	16 Gallus	" 4:	9 6	5	♀ rises 3 51	14 6	31 5	29	5 7
42] 18th Sunday after Trinity.									
Sunday	17 Rev. Edict of Nantes	Heb. 1:	10 6	18	½ sets 6 57	15 6	32 5	28	5 52
Monday	18 St. Luke Evang.	" 2:	11 6	2	18. Vega sets 1 46	15 6	33 5	27	6 40
Tuesday	19 Bruno	" 3; 4:	morn.	16	♀ ♂. ♂ sets 5 37 ♀ in ♐	15 6	35 5	25	7 30
Wednesday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi	" 5:	12 10	29	Formal south 9 12	15 6	36 5	24	8 27
Thursday	21 Hilarion	" 6:	1 17	14	♀ rises 3 57	15 6	37 5	23	9 27
Friday	22 Hedwig	" 7:	2 22	28	○ enters ♀	15 6	38 5	22	10 21
Saturday	23 Henry Martin	" 8:	3 31	13	6 ♁. 6 ♀. 6 ♀. ♀ rises 4 46	16 6	39 5	21	11 18
43] 19th Sunday after Trinity.									
Sunday	24 Arethas	Heb. 9: 1-14	4 41	27	Markab south 9 6	16 6	41 5	19 11	58
Monday	25 John Herz	" 1: 15	5 sets	11	25. ♂ ♀. Andromeda south	10 16 6	42 5	18 12	38
Tuesday	26 Frederick III.	" 10; 1-18	5 15	25	● in per. ♂ ♀. ♂ sets 5 20	16 6	43 5	17	1 24
Wednesday	27 Frumentius	" 10: 19	6 1	8	♂ ♀. ♂ h. ♂ sets 6 26	16 6	44 5	16	2 15
Thursday	28 Simeon and Jude	" 11:	7 2	23	7* rises 6 3	16 6	45 5	15	3 12
Friday	29 Alfred the Great	" 12:	8 10	6	♀ rises 3 30	16 6	46 5	14	4 9
Saturday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 13:	9 10	20	♀ rises 4 20	16 6	48 5	12	5 7
44] 4th Sunday before Advent.									
Sunday	31 Reformation Fes.	John 21: 1-23	10 31	10	♂ in ♐. Procyon sets	10 5 1	10 5 1	16 6	49 5 11 6 3

### Moon's Phases.

First Quarter, 3d, 12 o'clock, 31 minutes, morning.  
 Full Moon, 10th, 11 " 41 " forenoon.  
 Last Quarter, 18th, 4 " 8 " evening.  
 New Moon, 25th, 6 " 28 " "

### Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, clear and frosty; 5, 6, 7, warm; 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, 12, rain; 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, 17, clear; 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, cold; 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, 26, rain; 27, 28, cold; 29, 30, 31, variable.

## OCTOBER.

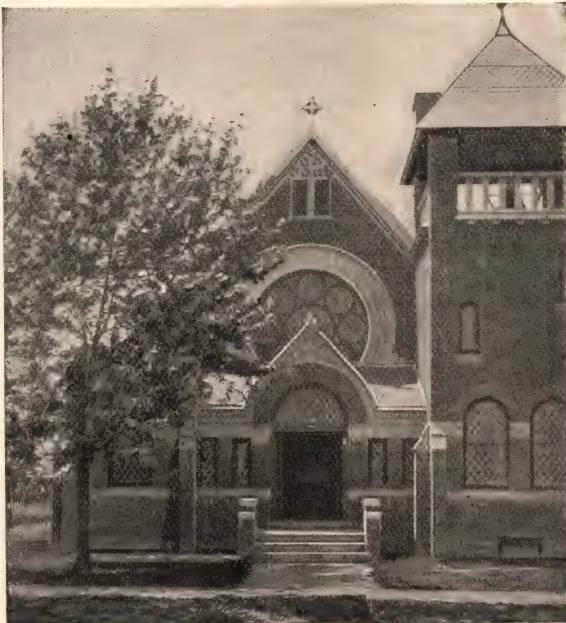
### The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

“God give us men! A time like this demands Great hearts, strong minds, truth faith and willing hands; Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy, Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor, men who will not lie; For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds, Their loud professions and their little deeds, Wrangle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps, Wrong rules the land and waiting justice sleeps.”

The Brotherhood is a church organization for men, which was born in the Reformed Church, and in many sister denominations has met a need that was long felt. The growth in the number of chapters has not been rapid, but steady. There are hundreds of Chapters in nine different denominations, the increase in some of these branches having been extremely gratifying.

As an organization of the men in the Church, the Brotherhood aims to aid in developing the spiritual life of its members, and to encourage them to reach the men outside of the Church. Its two simple rules of *Prayer* and *Service* show this. That there is room for such a society in the Reformed Church no one can doubt. Many of our pastors bear frequent testimony to the great value of having the men of their congregations thus organized as a helping band.

The importance of challenging the young men of a congregation with their part and responsibility, to bring the Gospel of the Kingdom nigh to the hearts of their companions at the counter, the school and in the workshop, cannot be over-



TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH, ADAMSTOWN, MD.

Rev. Isaac M. Motter, Pastor.

estimated. Men are not in the minority in all of our churches, and noble efforts are put forth to increase the attendance at the uplifting services of the sanctuary on the part of men.

The Brotherhood is organized into a federal body, with conventions held every two years, in which all the denominational Chapters are represented. The Federal Council has twelve members: *Pres.*, Rev. R. W. Miller, Reading, Pa.; *Genl. Sec.*, Mr. Edgar M. Folsom, 93 W. 103d St., New York City. Denominational conventions are held every alternate year, each having its own Executive Council. The officers of the Reformed

Executive Council are: *Pres.*, Rev. I. W. Gowen, Weehawken, N. J.; *Vice-Pres.*, E. B. Lyttle, Reading, Pa.; *Genl. Sec.*, W. O. Anderson, 519 Presstman Street, Baltimore, Md.; *Treas.*, C. H. Knight, Bethlehem, Pa.

The Biennial Reformed Brotherhood Convention was held in the First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., November 17-18, 1896.

Local Unions, organized at various centres, *i. e.*, New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc., have done much for the spread of the Brotherhood, and have exerted a strong influence with men's gatherings and mass meetings to draw young men to the churches.

*The Brotherhood Star* is the official organ, published at Reading, copies of which and of the constitution, literature, etc., may be secured by application to its address or to the General Secretaries.

EVERY character has an inward spring,—let Christ be it.

## NOVEMBER,

### 11th Month, 30 Days.

1897.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S.	MOON'S PLACE.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. RISES M.	SUN SETS M.	HIGH WATER PHILA. M.
Monday	1 All Saints	1 John 1; 2:	11 41	23	1. Regulus rises <small>12<sup>58</sup></small> ☶ b sets 6 4	166	515	9 6 52
Tuesday	2 All Souls	" 3:	morn.	8	Sirius rises 11	166	525	8 7 48
Wednesday	3 Priminus	" 4:	12 40	20	2 4 rises 3 11	166	535	7 8 44
Thursday	4 John A. Bengel	" 5:	1 38	2	Markab south 8 17	166	545	6 9 39
Friday	5 Hans Egede	2 John	2 37	14	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. north	166	555	5 10 29
Saturday	6 Gustav. Adolph	3 "	3 40	26		166	565	4 11 18

45] *3d Sunday before Advent.*

Matt. 24: 15-28; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18.

*Day's Length, 10 hours 6 minutes.*

Sunday	7 Willibrord	Rev. 1:	4 45	8	6 ♀ ☽ Superior	166	57	5	311	59
Monday	8 Willehad	" 2:	5 56	21	☽ in ♀. ♀ rises 4 40	166	58	5	212	30
Tuesday	9 John v. Staupitz	" 3:	☽ rises	4	☽ 9. ☽ sets 5 35	166	59	5	1	1
Wednesday	10 Martin Luther	" 4: 5; 6: 1-12	5 21	17	Aldebaran sets 6 32	167	14	59	1	48
Thursday	11 Martin of Tours	" 7; 8; 9: 1-12	6 8	1	● in Apo. 7* south 12 37	167	24	58	2	29
Friday	12 Phil. de Mornay	" 9: 13; 10; 11:	6 57	14	6 ♀ ☽. 6 ♀ ☽	167	34	57	3	14
Saturday	13 Arcadius	" 12; 13:	7 58	28	♀ rises 2 43	157	44	56	3	56

467 2d Sunday before Advent.

Matt. 25: 31-46; 1 Thess. 1: 3-10.

*Day's Length, 9 hours, 50 minutes*

Sunday	14	Pet. Mart. Verm.	Rev. 14: 1-13	8	58		12	Altair sets 10 53	15	7	54	55	4	42
Monday	15	John Kepler	" 14:	9	59		26	• in ♀. ♀ rises 4 57	15	7	64	54	5	27
Tuesday	16	Casp. Creuziger	" 15:	11	0		10		15	7	74	53	6	10
Wednesday	17	Bernward	" 16: 1-8	morn.		22		17. 7* south 12 10	15	7	84	52	6	54
Thursday	18	Greg. Illuminat.	" 16: 9	12	3		4	♀ in Aphelion. 6 ♀	15	7	94	51	7	43
Friday	19	Elizab. of Hesse	" 17:	1	6		16	Polaris south 9 17	14	7	94	51	8	39
Saturday	20	John Williams	" 18:	2	20		28	6 ♀	14	7	104	50	9	38

471 1st Sunday before Advent.

**Matt. 25: 1-13; 2 Pet. 3: 3-4.**

***Day's Length, 9 hours, 38 minutes***

<b>Sunday</b>	21 Columbanus	Rev. 19: 1-10	3 39	10	6 ☽ ○. 6 ☽ ○. 6 ☽	14	7 11 4 49 10 40
Monday	22 J. Oecolampadius	" 19: 11; 20: 1-3	4 53	23	6 ♀ ☽. ♀ <sub>5 12</sub> rises	14	7 12 4 48 11 42
Tuesday	23 Clemens Roman	" 20: 4	5 12	8	Antares south 9 48	13	7 13 4 47 12 11
Wednesday	24 John Knox	" 21: 1-8	20 sets	24	24. ☽ <sub>in</sub> Per. ☽ H. ☽ ♂	13	7 14 4 46 1 8
Thursday	25 Catharine	" 21: 9; 22:	5 40	0	6 ♀ ○. Vega south 8 58	13	7 15 4 45 2 5
Friday	26 Conrad	Psalm 96:	6 55	13	Orion rises 7 16	12	7 15 4 45 3 4
Saturday	27 Marg't Blauer	" 145:	8 16	26	6 ♂ ♀. ♀ rises 2 1	12	7 16 4 44 3 49

487 1st Sunday in Advent.

Matt. 21: 8-11: Rom. 13: 11-14.

*Day's Length, 9 hours. 26 minutes.*

<b>Sunday</b>	28 Alex. Russell	John 1: 1-14	9 36		10		in ♏.	Arietis south	9 42		127	174	43	4 50
<b>Monday</b>	29 Saturninus	Gen. 2: 4-25	10 38		22		♀ rises	5 31	11 7	184	42	5 41		
<b>Tuesday</b>	30 St. Andrew	Matt. 19: 1-12	11 44		8		30.	Pollux south	3 2	11 7	184	42	6 27	

## Moon's Phases.

First Quarter,	1st,	9 o'clock,	36 minutes,	forenoon.
Ful Moon,	9th,	4	50	morning.
Last Quarter,	17th,	9	2	forenoon.
New Moon,	24th,	4	19	morning.
First Quarter,	30th,	10	14	evening.

## Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, snow flurries; 4, 5, 6, fair; 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, 13, pleasant; 14, 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, variable; 19, 20, snow; 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, cold; 28, 29, 30, windy.

(§.) Mars is in conjunction with the Sun on the 21st, and cannot be seen.

(b.) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun on the 25th, and cannot be seen.

## NOVEMBER.



REV. J. L. MURPHY,  
Pastor Reformed Church, Hickory, N. C.

### Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

THIS society is now ten years old. Its object is to aid in Home and Foreign Mission work. Its special aim in foreign work is the elevation of women. It has taken upon itself the support, through the Board of Foreign Missions, of the Girls' School at Sendai, Japan.

#### OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Woman's Missionary Society, General Synod—  
*Pres.*, Mrs. H. M. Herman, Miamisburg, Ohio;  
*Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. T. H. Sonnedecker, Tiffin, Ohio;  
*Treas.*, Mrs. Nettie Anthony, Meyersdale, Pa.

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Woman's Missionary Society, Ohio Synod—  
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Woman's Missionary Society, Synod of Interior—  
*Pres.*, Mrs. L. C. Summer, Liscomb, Iowa;  
*Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. G. W. Remagen, Fairview, Kan.;  
*Treas.*, Mrs. Dr. Fouse, Lisbon, Iowa.

Woman's Missionary Society, Pittsburg Synod—  
*Pres.*, Mrs. P. Keil, N. Negley Avenue, East End, Pittsburg, Pa.; *Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. Clara Snite, Greensburg, Pa.; *Treas.*, Mrs. C. T. Barnhart, 413 Maple Ave., Greensburg, Pa.



CORINTH REFORMED CHURCH, HICKORY, N. C.

Mission Society, Potomac Synod—*Pres.*, Rev. M. O. Noll, Carlisle, Pa.; *Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. M. P. Heckerman, Bedford, Pa.; *Treas.*, Elder John Brewster, Huntingdon, Pa.

### Our Bohemian Work.

As we have Hungarian Reformed people in this country, so we have Bohemians who need our missionary help.

We have only lately begun this work. The mission is located in Chicago, Ill., where a hundred thousand Bohemians are living, many of whom need to be gathered into our Church as their own spiritual mother.

The missionary is a young man just from his studies, Rev. Charles V. Molnar, the son of a Reformed minister in Moravia. He has been in the United States five years, speaks English well, and in every way is well prepared for the great work upon which he has just entered.

# DECEMBER,

12th Month, 31 Days.

1897.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. Fs. M. H.	SUN RISES SETS M. H. M. H. M.	HIGH WATER PHILA. H. M.
Wednesday	1 Eligius	Eph. 5: 22-33	morn.	20	Regulus rises 10 42	11 7	19 4 41	7 11
Thursday	2 John Ruysbrock	1 Cor. 7:	12 39	2	♀ rises 5 37	10 7	19 4 41	8 0
Friday	3 Gerhard Groot	Gen. 3:	1 38	15	7* south 11 2	10 7	20 4 40	8 54
Saturday	4 Gerh. v. Zutphen	" 8: 15-19	2 42	27	2/ rises 1 37	10 7	20 4 40	9 45

49] 2d Sunday in Advent.

Luke 21: 25-33; Rom. 15: 4-13.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 18 minutes.

Sunday	5 Crispin	Acts 17: 15	3 44	6	☿ rises 6 26	9 7	21 4 39 10 40
Monday	6 Nicholas	Gen. 15:	4 46	18	Sirius rises 8 46	9 7	21 4 39 11 35
Tuesday	7 Paulus Odontius	Deut. 3:	5 50	8	Altair sets 9 16	8 7	22 4 38 12 2
Wednesday	8 Martin Rinkard	Exodus 12:	6 rises	20	☽ 8. ☽ in Apo. ☽ ♀ ☽	8 7	22 4 38 12 48
Thursday	9 Benj. Schmolck	Deut. 27:	4 53	0	♂ ♀ ☽. ♀ rises 5 50	7 7	23 4 37 1 26
Friday	10 Paul Eber	Rom. 7:	5 45	13	Wega sets 10 10	7 7	23 4 37 2 11
Saturday	11 Henry v. Zütphen	Leviticus 16:	6 48	26	2/ rises 1 13	6 7	24 4 36 2 56

50] 3d Sunday in Advent.

Matt. 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 minutes.

Sunday	12 Spiridion	Isa. 40; John 5:	7 54	8	♂ ♀ ☽. 8Ψ○. ☽ in ☽	6 7	24 4 36 3 36
Monday	13 Adilia	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	8 48	23	☿ rises 5 58	5 7	24 4 36 4 10
Tuesday	14 Dioscorus	2 Samuel 7:	9 58	7	Formal sets 9 25	5 7	25 4 35 5 8
Wednesday	15 Ember Day	Joel 3:	11 1	21	☽ Aries sets 8 34	4 7	25 4 35 5 42
Thursday	16 Adelheid	Jer. 23:	morn.	5	☽ 16. ♀ rises 6 11	4 7	25 4 35 6 30
Friday	17 Sturm	" 31:	12 42	20	Orion rises 5 43	3 7	25 4 35 7 4
Saturday	18 Louis v. Seckendorf	Isa. 52: 13; 53:	2 3	4	6 2/ ☽. 2/ rises 12 50	3 7	25 4 35 7 56

51] 4th Sunday in Advent.

John 1: 19-34; Phil. 4: 4-7.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 minutes.

Sunday	19 Cl. Alexandrinus	John 3: 23-36	3 6	17	Archernar south 7 38	2 7	25 4 35 9 0
Monday	20 Abraham	Isa. 42:	4 9	3	Rigel south 11 17	2 7	25 4 35 10 6
Tuesday	21 Thomas	" 49:	5 13	16	○ en- V♂. Winter Commences. Shortest Day.	1 7	26 4 34 11 16
Wednesday	22 Hugh McKail	" 45:	6 21	2	● per. ☽ ♀ ☽ ☽ rises 5 26	1 7	25 4 35 11 59
Thursday	23 Anna dü Bourg	" 11: 1-10	7 sets	16	☽ 23. ♀ rises 6 26	0 7	25 4 35 12 57
Friday	24 Adam and Eve	Rev. 1: 1-12	5 47	0	☽ ♀ ☽. Spica rises 1 41	sun 7	25 4 35 1 54
Saturday	25 Christmas	Titus 3: 4-7	7 1	13	● in ♀. 2/ rises 12 26	slo' 7	25 4 35 2 50

52] Sunday after Christmas.

Luke 2: 15-21; 2 Cor. 2: 8-17.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 minutes.

Sunday	26 Stephen	Isa. 9: 2-7	8 18	27	Regulus rises 8 58	1 7	25 4 35 3 42
Monday	27 St. John Evang.	Titus 3: 4-7	9 28	12	♀ in ♀. Altair sets 7 47	2 7	25 4 35 4 28
Tuesday	28 Holy Innocents	1 John 1: 1-10	10 38	24	♀ sta- tionary. Sirius sets 7 14	2 7	25 4 35 5 8
Wednesday	29 David	Rev. 14: 1-5	11 36	6	7* south 9 8	3 7	24 4 36 6 4
Thursday	30 Christian of Wurtemburg	Romans 8:	morn.	17	☽ 30. II 2/ ○. ☽ ♀ ☽	3 7	24 4 36 6 47
Friday	31 John Wycliff	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	12 34	0	♀ rises 7 41	4 7	24 4 36 7 27

### Moon's Phases.

Full Moon, 8th, 11 o'clock, 54 minutes, evening.  
Last Quarter, 16th, 11 " 21 " "  
New Moon, 23d, 2 " 55 " afternoon.  
First Quarter, 30th, 2 " 26 " "

### Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, fair and warm; 4, 5, 6, cold; 7, 8, 9, frosty;  
10, 11, 12, pleasant; 13, 14, 15, rain; 16, 17, 18, clear;  
19, 20, 21, mild; 22, 23, clear; 24, 25, cold; 26, 27, 28,  
snow; 29, 30, 31, agreeable.

## DECEMBER.



REV. H. E. JONES,  
Ursinus College.

REV. A. M. SCHMIDT,  
Frank. and Mar. College.

REV. E. D. WETTACH, D. D.,  
Heidelberg University.

### THE FINANCIAL SECRETARIES OF OUR INSTITUTIONS.

#### Beneficiary Education.

THIS work should commend itself to all good Christian people. Its object is to educate good young men for the ministry who are rich in natural and spiritual gifts, but poor in money. The families of wealth should educate their sons for the ministry. The families who are not rich should also have their names on the Register of Ministers, but when they give their sons they give their all. These sons the Church should adopt and educate. Some of our best and most honored ministers were once beneficiary students. Every family not having given a son should educate another's son, or at least contribute liberally to this cause. There are congregations which have enjoyed the ministrations of faithful pastors for generations, but have never given one of their own number to the ministry. Let every such church take a double interest in Beneficiary Education. Each Synod has a Board of Education to which this particular work is committed. Remember the Annual Collection for this object. If you have means, give largely while you live. Remember this work in your will; and though dead, you will yet, through another, preach the Gospel.

#### Colleges and Seminaries.

THE preaching of the Gospel is the noblest calling in life. For it the best men should be selected. Set apart your best sons—your strongest boys. The work of the ministry demands healthy bodies and strong minds. For the training of these sons the Church has established Colleges and Theological Seminaries in every age. God has inspired His people to do so. The growth of the Church has been almost in proportion to the Church's interest in the Schools of the Prophets. Without a ministry there can be no Church. Every department of Church work is indirectly bound up in the schools which educate the pastors and missionaries. The Reformed Church has always believed in an educated ministry. Such a ministry is especially demanded to-day. Send your sons to the schools of the Church. Let them grow up in the spirit as well as doctrine of the Reformed Church. Our schools are, for our young men, the best in the world. Therefore, contribute liberally also to endow the Colleges and Seminaries.



THE DANIEL STINE MEMORIAL HOME, MYERSTOWN, PA.

### The Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

THIS, the youngest Institution of the Reformed Church in the United States, is located at Myerstown, Pa. Its object is to afford a home, food and clothing for aged ministers and their wives, and the widows of ministers, who may have been reduced to want or helplessness by old age or otherwise.

The property consists of what was formerly known as the Baney mansion, and is a beautiful home for such of the Lord's aged servants as may need such a retreat. It is the gift of Mrs. Linda S. Kaub, of Philadelphia, Pa., to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows. This Society owns the property and elects the Board of Managers. Its treasurer, Rev. S. S. Miller, of Mt. Pleasant, Md., is *ex-officio* the treasurer of the Home, to whom all contributions should be sent.

The Board of Managers consists of Revs. Geo. B. Resser, John H. Sechler, D. D., Ellis N. Kremer, D. D., Simon S. Miller, D. E. Klopp, D. D., H. Musser, D. D., Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., J. David Miller and J. E. Hiester, D. D.

This Home is dependent on the gifts of the Church for its ability to carry forward the sacred purpose for which it is designed. "They which wait at the altar are partakers of the altar; even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live by the gospel." Should not they, then, who have given their lives to the preaching of the gospel, and whom old age or misfortune have left in want or helplessness, be tenderly cared for by the Church?

The General Synod and a number of the district Synods have commended the Home to the sympathy, the prayers, and the alms of our people. Let it be generously remembered.

**Zion's  
Reformed Church  
POTTS TOWN, PA.**

THE first church in Pottstown was a log building erected on a lot donated to the Reformed and Lutheran congregations, for church and burial purposes, by the founder of the town. In what year this church was built is not known, as the record, if there was one, is lost.

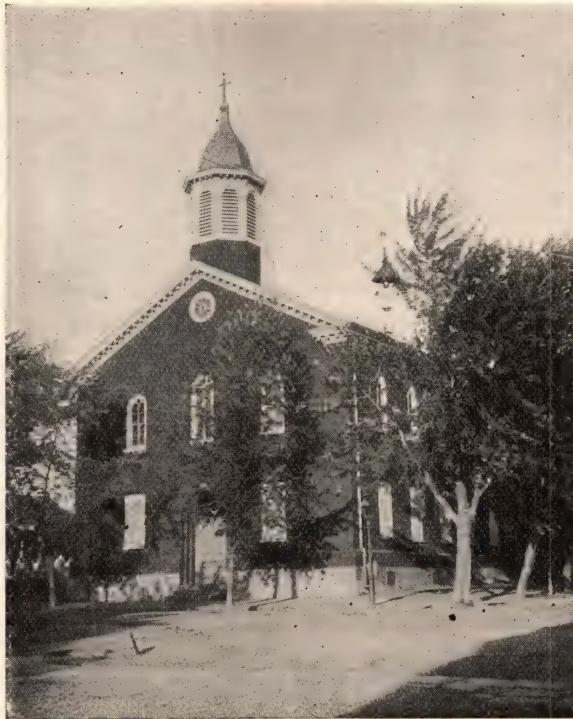
In 1796, the brick building, now Zion's Reformed Church, was erected by the Reformed and Lutheran congregations, to take the place of the old log church, and was owned by them conjointly for seventy-five years thereafter. In 1868, the Reformed congregation withdrew from the old church and the following year transferred its interest in the property to the newly-organized Zion's Reformed congregation.

Two years later (in 1871), the Zion's congregation bought the Lutheran share in the church and shortly thereafter remodeled the building.

The interior of the church was again remodeled in 1891, and now presents a very neat and attractive appearance. The exterior, although somewhat modified, is substantially the same as it was a hundred years ago.

In October of last year the Centennial Anniversary of this old church was celebrated with appropriate services, in which a number of Reformed ministers and several of the neighboring Lutheran pastors participated.

REMEMBER the days of old.



ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH, POTTS TOWN, PA.  
Rev. Chas. S. Wieand, Pastor. This Church was built in 1796.

should be remembered annually in the offerings of the Church.

To the twenty-five widows and fifteen disabled ministers, twenty-five hundred dollars yearly is given. The society would cheerfully give more, if more were received from the Church.

The privilege of membership in the Society extends to all ministers of the Reformed Church. The terms of membership are for life members sixty-five dollars, and for annual members five dollars initiation fee and three dollars annual dues.

The officers of the Society as required by the charter are:—Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D., *Pres.*, Mercersburg, Pa. ; Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, *Sec.*, Middletown, Md. ; Rev. Simon S. Miller, *Treas.*, Mt. Pleasant Md. ; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Frederick, Md. ; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., Martinsburg, W. Va.

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States."

THIS is the oldest charitable institution in the Reformed Church in this country. It was organized more than one hundred years ago, and was incorporated by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, March 26th, 1810. Its design is to assist ministers' widows and their families, and also superannuated and disabled ministers themselves, who are members of it, and whose pecuniary resources are not sufficient to give them a living, when no longer able to serve the Church.

The income of the Society is from interest on invested fund and from collections in the churches. The Society

### Education of Women.

IT is a sign of progress in the Reformed Church that the education of her daughters is more and more claiming the attention of her people and that of Classes and Synods. This is as it should be. The Church should take as great interest in the education of her daughters as she does in that of her sons. It is neither honorable nor just to do otherwise.

There are some persons in the Church who not only think, but assert, that a woman does not need a liberal education, that it unfits her for her mission, makes her lazy and worthless. If any of our readers should hold such opinions, let him consider what a woman is. Was she not made by the same hand that created man? Is she not endowed with intellectual powers and an immortal spirit? Has she not the same destiny that man has? Do you not think that when she crosses the river into that better country that her reward will also depend upon her capacity to enjoy God and His glory? Is she not responsible to God for the talents with which He Himself has so richly endowed her? If all this be true, then who can deny her the right and privilege of being educated, and just as highly educated as that of her brother?

Has not the Church, therefore, been pursuing a wrong policy in making such rich provision for the higher education of her sons and doing next to nothing toward providing for the higher education of her daughters? Has she not been unjust to her daughters even in her kindly interest and concern for the intellectual well-being of her sons? We think that she has.

Education is power—political, moral and spiritual. It means just as much for a woman as it does for a man. Woman makes the home, and the homes make the nation. The influence of a mother in the home is almost unlimited. If the mothers



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in a nation will join together in training their children well in any doctrine, dogma or creed, they can make the nation in one generation what they wish it to be. Indeed, in every age of the world woman has been the great civilizer.

If woman has aided thus largely in the work of civilization; if in the home she walks a queen; if her power there is almost unlimited, why should not the Church exercise the greatest care in giving her a Christian education, so that she may exert her influence in the right direction, to the glory of God and the advancement of His cause? It seems to me that the Church ought to see this, and hasten to make amends for past indifference and neglect by endowing and equipping the colleges for women, and making them such as to command the confidence and respect not only of her own people, but of those outside her borders.

The women themselves should remember their own institutions in their prayers; they should aid them by their gifts, and when they depart for a better world, should leave of their possessions such a portion as will illustrate their devotion to such institutions, and inspire others to imitate their example.

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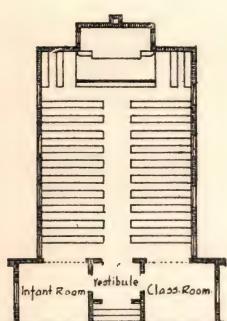
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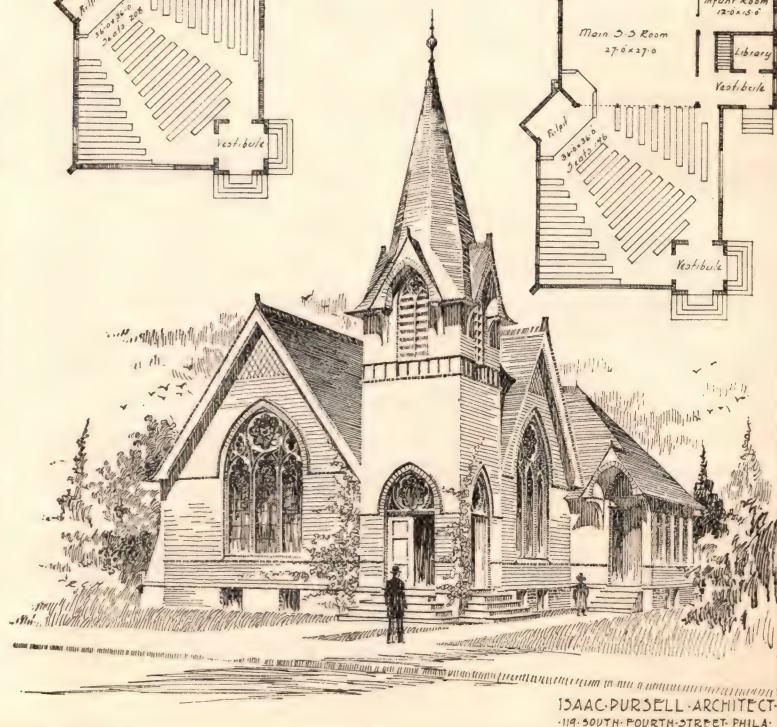
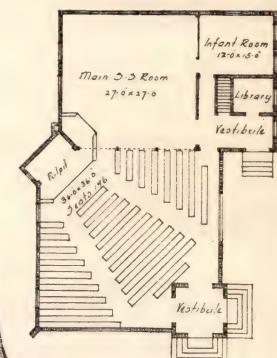
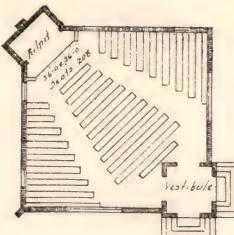
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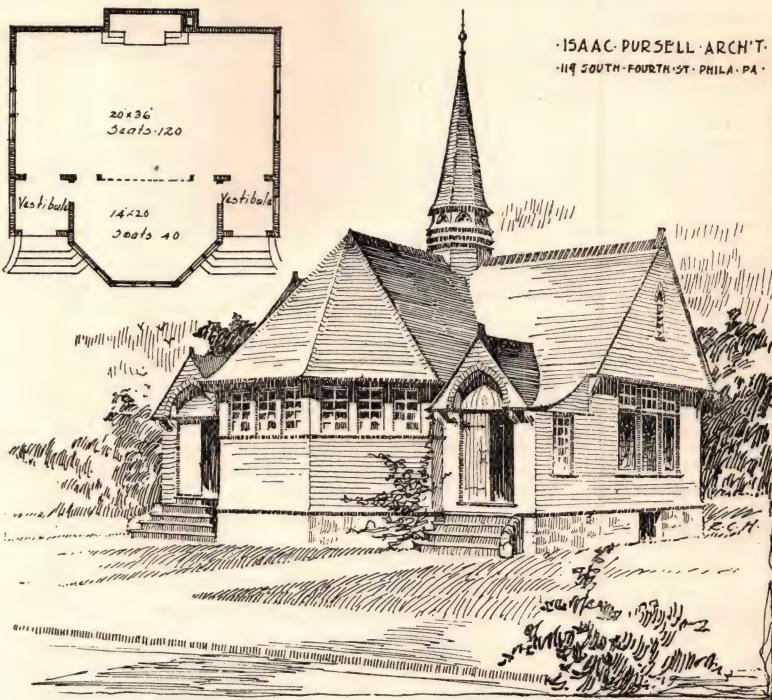
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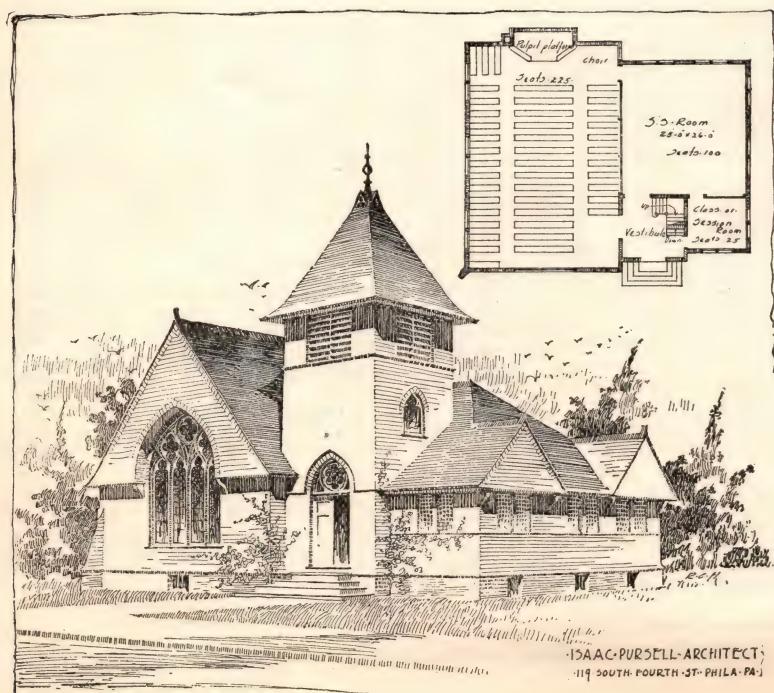
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## ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known as the Missionary Society of \_\_\_\_\_ Reformed Church at \_\_\_\_\_, whose object shall be to advance the cause of missions.

## ARTICLE II.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President & Secretary, and a Treasurer, to serve one year.

## ARTICLE III.

These officers, together with the Pastor as Chairman, shall be an Executive Committee, whose duty shall be to arrange the program for monthly meetings and anniversary services, to examine and approve all readings, recitations, essays and reports, before they are given in public, and to carry out any instructions given by the Society.

## ARTICLE IV.

This Executive Committee shall divide the congregation into several districts, and appoint two persons over each district as collectors, whose duty shall be to secure the names of new members, to collect every month the offerings of all the members and of others who may be monthly contributors, to report their work at each regular meeting and pay over their collections to the Treasurer. These collectors shall serve four months.

## ARTICLE V.

Each member shall give as God has prospered him, but not less than five cents a month.

## ARTICLE VI.

The Society shall meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month, the Pastor conducting or directing the devotional services, and the President presiding the remainder of the time.

## ARTICLE VII.

The program for the regular meetings shall include singing, prayer, reading the Scriptures, reading the minutes, recitations, readings, addresses, report of the collectors, the offerings of those who have not otherwise given, unfinished business, new business.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The money raised by this society shall be given only to the work of missions.

## ARTICLE IX.

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting notice of such amendment having been given at the previous regular meeting.

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## STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1896.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers,	No. of Congregations,	Members,	Baptisms.	Additions.	Communion.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-School.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.					
				Members Unconfined.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate and Reprofession.				Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregat'n Purposes.				
Eastern . . .	12	282	524	94,475	51,905	5,337	578	4,585	2,370	73,434	1,219	2,376	606	8,869	71,878	112	\$81,340	\$380,069		
Ohio . . .	6	127	233	22,400	6,356	718	669	1,267	1,110	18,987	520	709	372	3,127	23,554	23	18,266	127,663		
Northwest . . .	10	154	225	21,258	14,497	1,809	27	1,004	777	15,079	189	4	557	383	187	797	12,219	38		
Pittsburg . . .	5	76	137	16,665	9,741	919	162	925	530	14,120	320	461	299	120	1,347	10,750	16	21,648	80,414	
Potomac . . .	9	169	307	36,933	20,487	1,847	342	1,75	929	30,489	686	2	502	809	294	3,344	28,734	62		
German—East. . .	5	59	58	14,830	10,055	2,042	14	728	894	11,891	123	8	505	421	56	1,070	10,984	11		
Central . . .	4	84	114	19,541	11,611	1,133	53	830	477	14,173	214	14	493	384	102	1,564	12,218	28		
Interior . . .	5	50	67	2,998	1,445	171	104	227	162	2,444	60	191	50	62	671	3,827	7	3,173	19,335	
Total, 8 Synods.	56	1,000	1,663	229,100	213,397	13,976	1,949	11,281	7,209	180,617	3,331	28	5,184	5,094	1,639	20,389	174,164	297	\$194,145	\$1,036,567

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	1881	1884	1887	1890	1893	1896
Synods, . . . . .	6	7	7	8	8	8
Classes, . . . . .	48	52	54	56	55	55
Ministers, . . . . .	752	783	802	835	885	961
Congregations, . . . . .	1,403	1,465	1,481	1,554	1,583	1,639
Members, . . . . .	161,002	169,530	183,980	200,498	212,830	226,572
Members unconfirmed, . . . . .	96,147	103,112	108,724	112,486	121,057	125,779
Baptisms, infants, given year, . . . . .	13,213	12,665	14,199	14,605	14,526	13,758
Baptisms, infants, in three years, . . . . .	40,388	38,737	42,299	42,808	42,658	43,075
Baptisms, adults, given year, . . . . .	1,096	1,017	1,741	1,595	1,564	1,966
Baptisms, adults, in three years, . . . . .	3,362	3,088	4,254	4,569	4,753	5,480
Confirmed, given year, . . . . .	9,113	9,233	10,733	10,759	10,758	11,792
Confirmed, in three years, . . . . .	28,240	27,223	30,558	31,483	32,392	33,646
Certificate, given year, . . . . .	4,113	5,043	5,582	6,561	7,431	7,267
Certificate, in three years, . . . . .	12,263	14,046	16,472	18,558	21,045	22,619
Communed, given year, . . . . .	132,709	136,897	146,436	155,118	169,314	182,435
Dismissed, given year, . . . . .	2,249	2,122	2,551	3,061	3,292	3,483
Dismissed, in three years, . . . . .	5,791	5,819	7,250	8,700	9,872	10,594
Excommunicated, given year, . . . . .	123	68	38	55	26	27
Excommunicated, in three years, . . . . .	567	227	168	139	122	45
Erased, given year, . . . . .	1,593	1,699	2,381	3,117	3,975	4,950
Erased, in three years, . . . . .	3,869	5,351	6,301	8,640	10,753	13,239
Deaths, given year, . . . . .	4,591	4,787	4,638	5,107	6,130	5,693
Deaths, in three years, . . . . .	14,482	15,292	14,207	15,250	16,645	16,166
Sunday-schools, given year, . . . . .	1,346	1,378	1,422	1,513	1,563	1,644
Officers and Teachers, given year, . . . . .	103,511	114,720	122,695	138,616	149,023	172,458
Sunday-school scholars, given year, . . . . .	141	145	186	285	285	304
Students for ministry, given year, . . . . .	\$ 73,400	\$101,148	\$141,122	\$161,078	\$236,321	\$204,401
Benevolent contributions, given year, . . . . .	194,869	327,888	382,493	479,625	649,892	676,271
Benevolent contributions, in three years, . . . . .	639,189	779,572	804,321	874,053	1,060,229	1,066,709
Congregational purposes, given year, . . . . .	1,738,213	2,193,018	2,298,228	2,580,945	3,022,174	3,067,780

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Year.	Total Ministers.	Total Members.	Eastern Synod.	Ohio Synod.	Synod of the Northwest.	Pittsburgh Synod.	Potomac Synod.	German Synod of the East.	Central Synod.	Synod of the Interior.	Total Benevolent Cont.
1870	522	116,529	\$46,265 70	\$11,119 98	\$ 9,954 35	\$ 8,558 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 76,000 64
1871	560	124,143	66,901 60	7,257 08	5,840 46	6,043 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	86,043 11
1872	574	128,771	45,561 29	8,323 11	5,029 71	8,056 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	66,970 30
1873	595	132,195	42,368 65	10,771 56	7,356 87	9,936 00	\$24,964 11	.....	.....	.....	91,427 19
1874	600	135,600	41,101 67	12,767 02	8,466 45	11,157 89	12,724 92	.....	.....	.....	86,217 95
1875	623	142,118	40,390 11	10,419 27	8,887 44	13,462 40	11,416 00	\$4,491 83	.....	.....	88,117 09
1876	650	143,609	36,367 50	7,828 00	9,988 00	7,063 00	13,144 41	3,705 00	.....	.....	78,096 41
1877	680	146,901	31,037 00	9,404 00	6,940 00	5,950 13	13,923 21	3,987 00	.....	.....	68,261 21
1878	710	147,788	22,782 00	7,032 00	7,980 00	5,816 00	13,923 00	4,194 00	.....	.....	61,727 00
1879	734	154,742	19,824 00	9,089 00	17,342 00	5,180 00	11,471 00	3,331 00	.....	.....	66,237 00
1880	746	161,002	27,734 00	6,834 00	12,655 00	6,457 00	16,019 00	3,802 00	.....	.....	73,401 00
1881	752	163,669	35,859 00	18,816 00	12,109 00	7,249 00	15,239 00	3,665 00	.....	.....	92,937 00
1882	767	166,586	37,956 00	11,721 00	5,658 00	49,100 00	14,093 00	5,349 00	\$7,927 00	.....	133,816 00
1883	783	169,530	37,158 00	11,915 00	8,580 00	11,898 00	17,355 00	5,581 00	8,653 00	.....	101,148 00
1884	780	172,949	45,705 00	10,783 13	12,617 00	11,076 49	29,068 90	6,978 00	10,156 00	.....	127,284 52
1885	788	177,037	47,205 00	11,082 00	9,711 00	8,614 00	21,928 00	5,658 00	9,889 00	.....	114,087 00
1886	802	183,980	59,744 00	14,825 00	10,252 00	8,824 00	32,912 00	5,662 00	8,893 00	.....	141,122 00
1887	822	190,527	60,931 00	13,203 00	13,573 00	11,308 00	30,366 00	6,223 00	8,769 00	\$2,924 00	147,297 00
1888	823	194,344	69,178 00	14,687 00	11,641 00	19,197 00	36,727 00	5,523 00	12,530 00	1,767 00	171,250 00
1889	835	200,492	71,433 00	12,713 00	12,194 00	10,711 00	32,231 00	9,571 00	9,513 00	2,712 00	161,078 00
1890	856	203,858	75,416 00	33,234 00	13,585 00	24,331 00	37,729 00	8,286 00	10,294 00	2,320 00	205,195 00
1891	867	208,080	78,925 00	15,258 00	16,581 00	42,197 00	32,074 00	7,629 00	13,189 00	2,523 00	208,376 00
1892	885	212,830	119,285 00	26,452 63	14,754 00	21,001 00	28,653 31	9,996 00	13,202 00	2,978 00	236,231 94
1893	922	216,433	94,611 00	18,762 00	14,886 00	28,165 00	40,457 00	7,710 00	12,014 00	3,314 00	219,919 00
1894	938	221,473	140,726 00	16,421 00	14,487 00	20,166 00	39,636 00	9,399 00	13,958 00	3,263 00	257,056 00
1895	953	224,441	91,429 00	20,839 00	13,470 00	16,744 00	32,078 00	8,438 00	17,005 00	3,578 00	203,572 00
1896	1000	229,100	81,340 00	18,266 00	14,060 00	21,648 00	32,596 00	7,864 00	15,195 00	3,173 00	194,145 00

## TABLE OF FESTIVALS.

Year.	New Years Day.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter.	Whit Sunday.	Trinity Sunday.	Year.	New Years Day.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter.	Whit Sunday.	Trinity Sunday.
1897	Friday . .	March 3 . .	April 18 . .	June 6 . .	23 . .	1904	Friday . .	February 17	April 3 . .	May 22 . .	25 . .
1898	Saturday . .	February 23	April 19 . .	May 29 . .	24 . .	1905	Sunday . .	March 8 . .	April 23 . .	June 11 . .	23 . .
1899	Sunday . .	February 15	April 2 . .	May 21 . .	26 . .	1906	Monday . .	February 15	April 15 . .	June 3 . .	24 . .
1900	Monday . .	February 28	April 15 . .	June 3 . .	24 . .	1907	Tuesday . .	February 13	March 31	May 19 . .	26 . .
1901	Tuesday . .	February 20	April 7 . .	May 27 . .	25 . .	1908	Wednesday . .	March 4 . .	April 19 . .	June 7 . .	23 . .
1902	Wednesday	February 12	March 30 . .	May 18 . .	26 . .	1909	Friday . .	February 24	April 11 . .	May 30 . .	24 . .
1903	Thursday . .	February 25	April 11 . .	May 31 . .	24 . .	1910	Saturday . .	February 9	March 27	May 15 . .	26 . .
						1911	Sunday . .	March 1 . .	April 16 . .	June 4 . .	24 . .
						1912	Monday . .	February 21	April 7 . .	May 26 . .	25 . .

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SYNODS.	PLACE OF MEETING.	TIME.	STATED CLERK.
GENERAL, . . . . .	Second Reformed Church, Tiffin, O. . . . .	May 23, 1899.	Rev. Jno. Phil. Stein, Reading, Pa.
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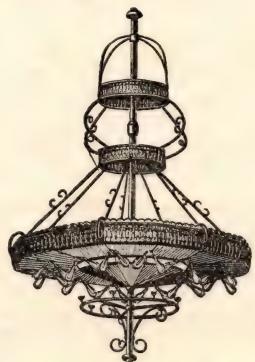
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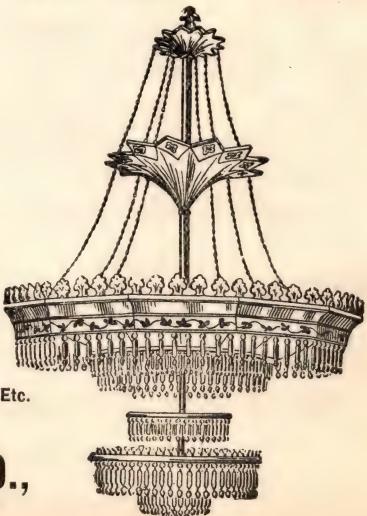
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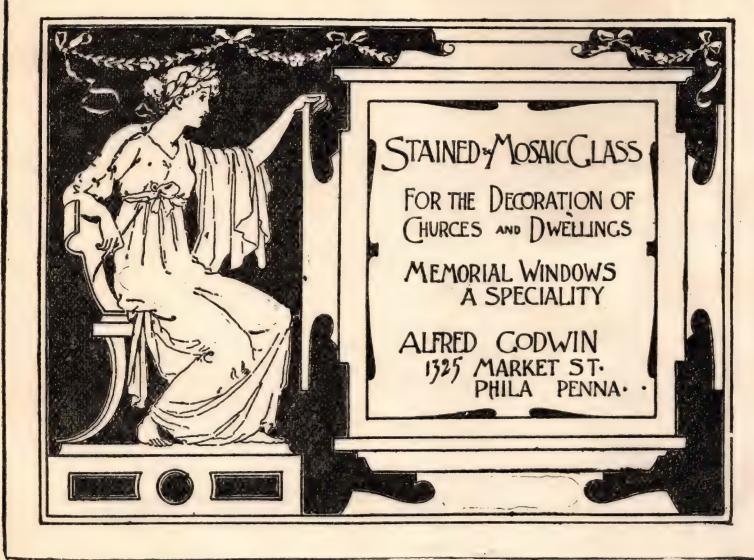
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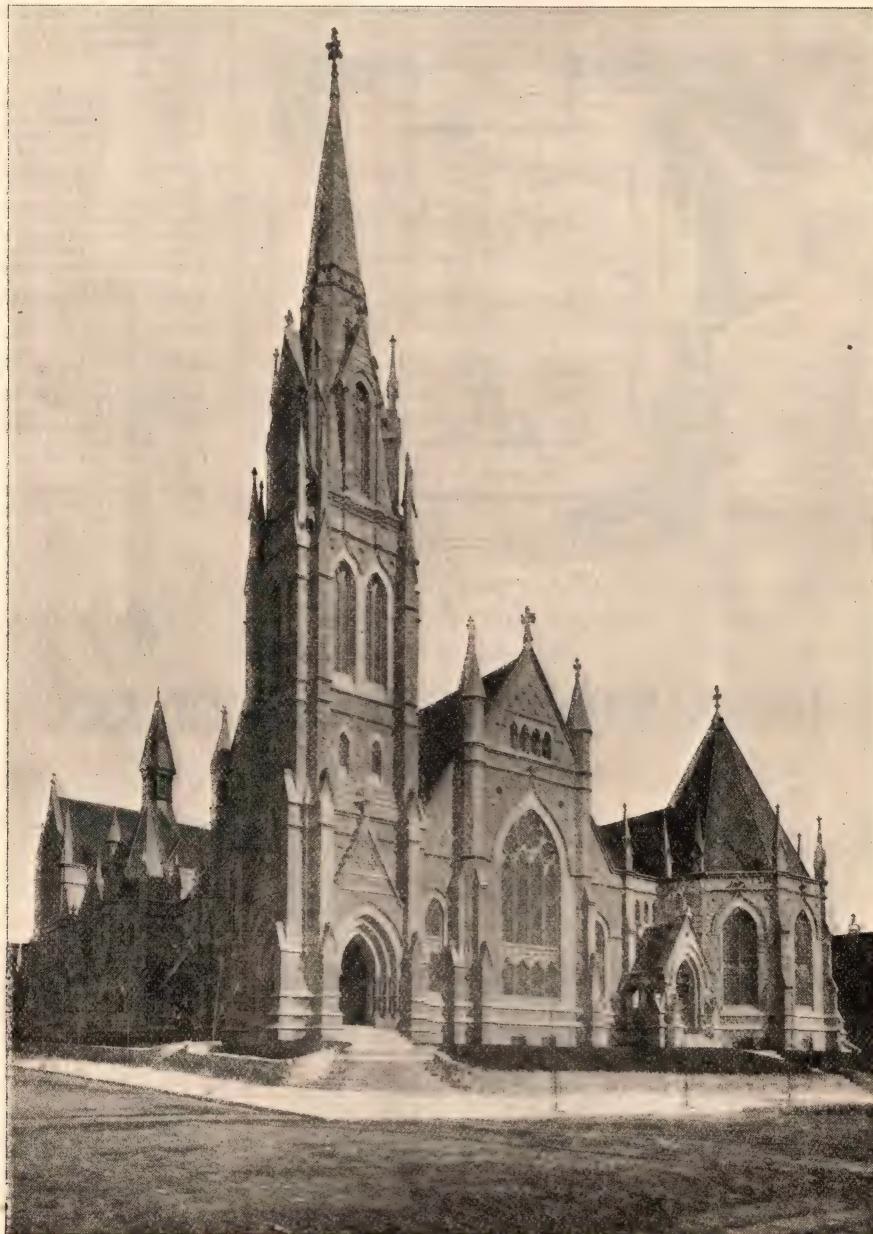
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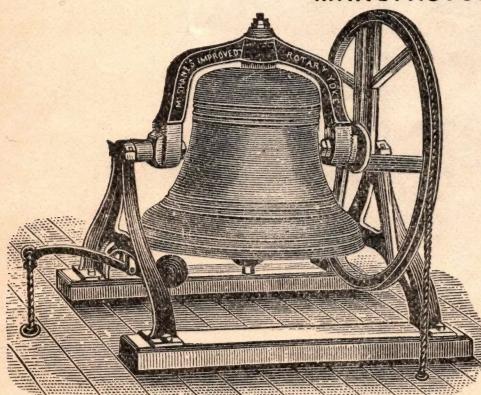
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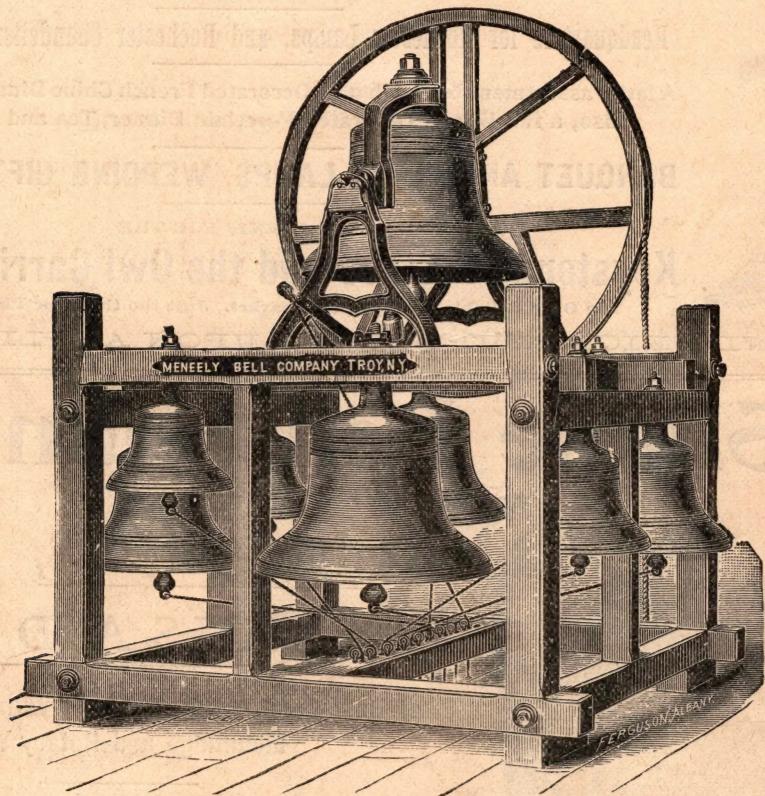
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